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Hints of early freedom for another hostage as kidnappers let Briton go

Mann released and is expected in UK today

By Ali Jaber in Beirut and Our Foreign Staff

JACK Mann, the former RAF pilot who had been held captive in Beirut for 28 months, was freed by his kidnappers last night as the United Nations sponsored global hostage swap got back on track. Hopes were also raised that an American may be released later in the week.

The Muslim fundamentalist Revolutionary Justice Organisation handed 77-year-old Mr Mann to Syrian forces at 6.40 last night. Mr Mann was then taken to Damascus to be released into the care of the British ambassador. He is expected to return to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire this afternoon.

Mrs Sunnie Mann was last night flying from Cyprus to Damascus along with Foreign Office officials and medical staff for a reunion with her husband. She had spent the day polishing the family silver to calm her nerves, having had her hopes raised and dashed by the kidnappers last week, and on hearing of his release, declared: "I'm very, very happy." She said the news was "absolutely wonderful".

Mr Mann was the oldest of the Western hostages being held in Beirut and he will undergo preliminary medical checks on the flight back to England. John Major, welcoming his release, said last night that he understood Mr Mann was "a little unwell".

There had been speculation last week that Mr Mann's release was imminent, but last Thursday Revolutionary Justice said no more Westerners would be freed until Israel released a further 20 Arab prisoners. On Monday, the kidnappers said it would let Mr Mann go within 48 hours and yesterday it brought the release time forward to 6pm BST, saying he would be handed over at the Beau Rivage hotel in Beirut. They said the release had been brought forward because technical arrangements had been completed more speedily than had been expected. The kidnappers also asked for the UN envoy Giandomenico Picco to oversee the release, but in the event, Mr Mann was surrendered to a Syrian patrol out of public sight.

In its statement yesterday, Revolutionary Justice said "the emergence of new elements" had prompted it to change its mind and release Mr Mann. It recognised the "immense efforts to salvage the situation" by the UN secretary-general Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and other intermediaries, [illegible] had been "tough nego[illegible] in which the UN envo[illegible] played a high degree [illegible] diplomatic finesse" that led [illegible] specified problems [illegible] resolved. Thus, the kidnappers said, Mr Mann would be freed as a "contribution to the current efforts and a prelude for the upcoming stage to speed up the closure of the file of the prisoners and the hostages".

As the statement was released, the well-informed *Tehran Times* reported that an American would be freed within the week. A senior official of Hezbollah, the kidnappers' umbrella group, made a similar prediction. Hussein Mousawi, who is known to have close links with Revolutionary Justice, paid a swift visit to Beirut yesterday to supervise technical arrangements for Mr Mann's release. "Jack Mann has already put on his clothes and is standing at the door," he told reporters just before the former pilot was freed. "If things go smoothly, there is a probability for releasing an Aermican hostage within a few days, a week, or a month, to facilitate the United Nations mission."

The *Tehran Times* also published an interview with Iran's deputy foreign minister, Ali Mohammad Besharati, who said all Western hostages in Lebanon would be released by January.

The global hostage deal negotiated by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is designed to see up to nine more Westerners, including Britain's Terry Waite, some 350 Arabs detained in Israel and southern Lebanon and up to seven Israeli servicemen returned to their homelands. The Muslim kidnappers have agreed to free the Westerners in return for the phased release of the Arabs. That in turn depends on Israel being given proof of the fate of its soldiers, most of whom are believed to be dead.

Mr Waite is expected to be among the last to be freed, as is the Muslim cleric, Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, who is being by the Israelis. The Israeli air force navigator, Ron Arad, and the American journalist Terry Anderson, the longest serving hostage, are also regarded as "trump cards" likely to be the last to go free.

Negotiations for the comprehensive exchange began with the release last month of the British journalist, John McCarthy, who emerged from captivity with a letter from his kidnappers to Señor Pérez de Cuéllar. Mr McCarthy said yesterday that he was absolutely delighted to hear that Mr Mann had been freed.

"My thoughts are with him and his wife Sunnie as they start their life together again," he said in a statement issued through the pressure group, the Friends of John McCarthy. "It is my greatest hope that they will have plenty of quiet time to get to know one another and will not face any pressure to live the present or re-live the past in the public eye. My hopes and prayers are with the other hostages and their families, that they too will be reunited soon."

Mr Mann and his wife had lived in Beirut for some forty years and were the last British couple to remain there as war raged about them. They said they could not afford to leave the city they loved, even though their flat had been bombed, their horses and dogs killed and their businesses and car blown up. Mr Mann always said he was too old and poor to be kidnapped.

Last night, his relatives in England said they expected him to return to live in the Middle East, in spite of his ordeal.

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News flash: Sunnie Mann listening to the announcement of her husband's release at the home of friends in Cypres. Last night she flew to Damascus to greet him

Britain may veto 'too federalist' EC treaty

By George Brock and Philip Webster

BRITAIN may veto the signing of the EC's new treaty on political and monetary union at the Maastricht summit in December, after a strongly federalist draft was produced yesterday by the Dutch government. The draft proposes a sweeping expansion of the powers of the European parliament and an extension of community competence to foreign policy and justice.

"I think it's now seriously doubtful that there will be a deal in Maastricht. It will be necessary for the Dutch to back down to get a deal," a senior British official in Brussels said last night.

The draft represents a setback to John Major's hopes of reaching an agreement at Maastricht. After a meeting with Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, in London, Mr Major spoke of the "grave difficulties" raised by the Dutch plan and insisted that it was not a *fait accompli*. However, he sought to play down the divisions by insisting that he did not have "any doubt" that the EC "will be able to reach satisfactory conclusions". Weeks of tough negotiations are now in prospect.

Senior ministers involved in the negotiations were reported to be depressed at what they saw as a step backwards from the accord reached at Luxembourg in June.

The reappearance in the draft text of the word "federal" is an irritant to Britain. The draft describes the proposals as "a new step in the gradual process leading to a European union of federal vocation." While ministers are hopeful that this can be removed in negotiation they are more concerned at the departure from the agreement reached in Luxembourg over the structure of community decision-making. This said that there should be co-operation between independent nation states over foreign policy, immigration and justice matters rather than a common European policy.

A senior ministerial source said last night: "There was an agreement in principle in Luxembourg to work during the second half of the year on the basis of the text agreed in Luxembourg. This has not happened and the chances of getting an agreement at Maastricht have been set back."

The draft treaty released in The Hague yesterday plumps for a united federal structure for Europe. It proposes a massive extension of the powers of the European parliament, suggesting that the parliament should have power to veto all EC decisions, including those made by the council of ministers. In the council itself, majority voting would be extended to embrace three-quarters of the EC's decisions.

The treaty would represent the largest shift of sovereign powers from national governments to Brussels since the foundation of the 35-year-old community.

Britain and France worked together earlier in the year to separate decision-making for foreign policy and criminal justice from the Brussels system of decision-making and from majority voting. Britain needs the alliance to hold together if Mr Major is to avoid blocking the treaty in isolation.

"If the French don't back us I don't know what we'll do," said a Whitehall official. But other sources said that the French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, had written to the Dutch government warning that the text had met none of France's important requirements.

Germany's chancellor, Helmut Kohl, has always insisted that political and monetary union are tied together; he will only agree to terms for monetary union if

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Pentagon puts Saudi airfields on alert

Iraq detains UN monitors again

From James Bone and Martin Fletcher in New York

A TEAM of United Nations inspectors in Iraq was detained for a second time yesterday after finding evidence of the involvement of foreign companies in Iraq's secret nuclear weapons programme.

David Kay, the team-leader, said over a satellite telephone that Iraq had ruled that the 44 inspectors would remain barricaded in their vehicles until they agreed to turn over documents.

President Bush urged President Saddam Hussein to free the inspectors and comply with UN ceasefire resolutions demanding free access for UN teams to Iraqi nuclear and weapons facilities. "This is unacceptable behaviour and I would not want to see Saddam Hussein miscalculate once again," Mr Bush said. "We don't want to see any more anguish inflicted on the Iraqi people, but overriding that is the international community's determination that these resolutions be fully complied with."

Jean-Bernard Merimée, the French ambassador who is this month's security council president, wanted the inspectors freed and Iraq's agreement to the use of UN helicopters before a council meeting later yesterday. "I simply told the (Iraqi) ambassador that the council was expecting these two things and it would be better for Iraq to do them before the meeting. The situation is deteriorating very rapidly," he added.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, is making active preparations for fresh military operations against Iraq should they be ordered. It is sending F-111 fighter-bombers to Turkey, a move that increases the psychological pressure on Saddam. It has also reportedly ordered the rapid preparation of airfields in Saudi Arabia to be ready to receive combat aircraft, surveillance planes, armed helicopters, tankers, ground crews and other equipment within the next few days.

The UN inspectors, charged with eliminating Iraq's capability to produce weapons of mass destruction, mounted their latest spot check on a building in Baghdad only a day after being detained for 12 hours at another site where they uncovered the suspected master-plan of Iraq's nuclear weapons programme.

The team was forced from the building yesterday about five hours after it began its inspection. It was prevented from leaving the area with the documents it had seized and placed in a bus and six cars outside the building.

Mr Kay, an American employee of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the building contained "the complete administrative structure of Iraq's nuclear weapons programme" and showed that Baghdad was "seeking procurement of nuclear materials".

Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, later summoned a press conference to denounce Mr Kay as a spy.

● **Lies warning:** Margaret Thatcher, in an address to UN ambassadors, said last night that Saddam Hussein would continue to lie, cheat and flout the norms of international law in an attempt to keep Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Hume attacks schools policy

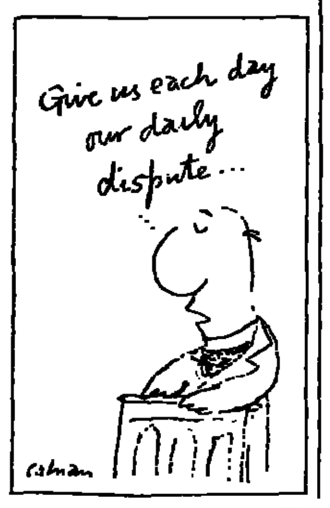
By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

GOVERNMENT education policy which emphasises parental choice could drive a wedge between successful and unsuccessful schools, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster said yesterday.

"There is a real risk that the choice will not lie with parents to choose schools, but with popular schools who will be able to choose between children," Cardinal Basil Hume told Catholic secondary school headteachers at London Colney, Hertfordshire.

He condemned the "deplorable" state of buildings. "It sits ill with any rhetoric about how much our nation values its young people if the institutions which it provides for their education are often so inadequate." Cardinal Hume said it was extraordinary to see grant-maintained schools being openly more generously funded than their counterparts in the maintained sector and said local education authorities were being undermined.

Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, said he shared the cardinal's concern that every child should have the opportunity to have a good education. However, he was "wrong in some of the conclusions he comes to about the best methods of organising that".



Baker warns parents

FIGHTING car crime should involve parents as well as the police and social agencies, the home secretary told senior police officers yesterday.

In the wake of inner city riots, Kenneth Baker added that joy riding should no longer be treated as a light hearted escapade but recognised by society as a crime that could kill. He told the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference in Torquay: "The question when that occurs is not so much 'where are the police?' The question that ought to be asked is 'where are mum and dad?'"

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May the best man win single-sex Booker

By Philip Howard
Literary Editor

THE judges of the Booker prize for fiction deliberated for 4½ hours yesterday, and came up with a shortlist of six men and no women in a year that has enjoyed novels by Anita Brookner, Angela Carter, Jennifer Johnston, Penelope Lively, Jane Gardam and Bernice Rubens. Only once before in 22 years has there been an all-male shortlist.

The finalists in the annual rodeo for literary fiction are (in alphabetical order):

Martin Amis, for *Time's Arrow* (Jonathan Cape, £13.99); **Roddy Doyle**, for *The Van* (Secker & Warburg, £13.99); **Rohinton Mistry**, for *Such a Long Journey* (Faber, £13.99); **Timothy Mo**, for *The Redundancy of Courage* (Chatto & Windus, £13.99); **Ben Okri**, for *The Famished Road* (Jonathan Cape, £13.99); **William Trevor**, for *Two Lives* (Viking, £13.99). See page 20 for details.

After the result was announced, the chairman of the judges, Jeremy Treglown, author and until recently editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*, said: "This has been an extremely good year, in which it has been very difficult to reduce our choice to six titles. There have been strong disagreements, but I am confident that we have made much the best possible choice."

Not everyone would be so confident. That is the fun of Booker. Out of that list of six, sentimentalists would vote for William Trevor, for old times' sake, adventurous trendies would plump for Martin Amis, and those who believe in the novel as a political trumpet-call would go for Timothy Mo.

Women writers seemed keen last night to avoid the impression that they were surprised or angered. "I don't feel sexist about this at all," Anita Brookner said. "Yes, there were some good novels published this year by women, but there were some good ones written by men as well."

The last, and only other time women failed to get into the Booker's final list was in 1976. Eight women have won the prize.

The other judges are: Penelope Fitzgerald, winner of the Booker in 1979; Jonathan Keates, author and teacher; Nicholas Mosley, biographer and winner of the Whitbread in 1990; and Ann Schlee, shortlisted for the Booker for *Rhine Journey* in 1981. All the shortlisted authors will hope to increase their sales greatly in spite of the recession.

The winner will be chosen, and awarded £20,000 and an apotheosis of media hype at the Guildhall on October 22.

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Clarke backs down over costs of adult courses

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday announced a retreat on plans to make adults pay more for courses considered to be recreational.

Funding was to have been withdrawn from most courses that did not lead to a qualification, as responsibility for vocational courses was transferred from local authorities. The proposal was outlined in a white paper last May. Yesterday, however, Mr Clarke sought to quell fears that some fees would rise to £500 a term. Local authorities would continue to receive as much money as they now spend on recreational courses, he said.

The education department is to survey local authorities to establish the size of subsidies. Ministers admitted yesterday that they did not know the cost of the switch.

MPs have been deluged with objections to the expected fee increases, but Mr Clarke said people had misunderstood the government's intentions. "Classes in aerobics, do-it-yourself, pottery and the rest are rightly valued by local communities and by people of all ages. There need be no doubts about the continuation of these classes."

Local authorities would continue to have a duty to provide a wide range of adult education courses, and the reforms would not cause fees to rise. The government's priority would be for education which would help adults improve their qualifications, skills and seek career advancement, he said. It would be for local authorities to respond to demand in other areas.

Alan Tuckett, director of the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education, welcomed Mr Clarke's "new found interest and enthusiasm for adult education" but said that the service had not been saved. "Only one in ten local authorities is spending as much as the government says it should. The pressure of the poll tax has made it impossible to defend discretionary spending like adult education."

Jack Straw, the Labour education spokesman, said that the government's climbdown deserved only one cheer because the shadow of its plans for a centralised takeover of further education still hung over courses for adults.

Geography teachers fight on

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GEOGRAPHERS yesterday appealed to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, to change the national curriculum to ensure that pupils did not lose the option of taking their subject at CGSE.

The geography curriculum beyond the age of 14 is due to be finalised next month. The proposals under consideration would oblige secondary schools to offer the subject, but leave open the possibility of running only short courses in combination with history.

At a conference in London yesterday, teachers and academics demanded that schools be required to offer GCSE courses in both geography and history.

The government's intention was for short programmes to be offered as an option for those dropping geography or history as an examination subject. Sir Leslie Fielding, vice-chancellor of Sussex University and chairman of the working party that produced the original curriculum proposals, said yesterday, however: "I am worried that some schools are thinking of offering only a short course."

Mr Clarke denied that there was any intention of devaluing geography and history.

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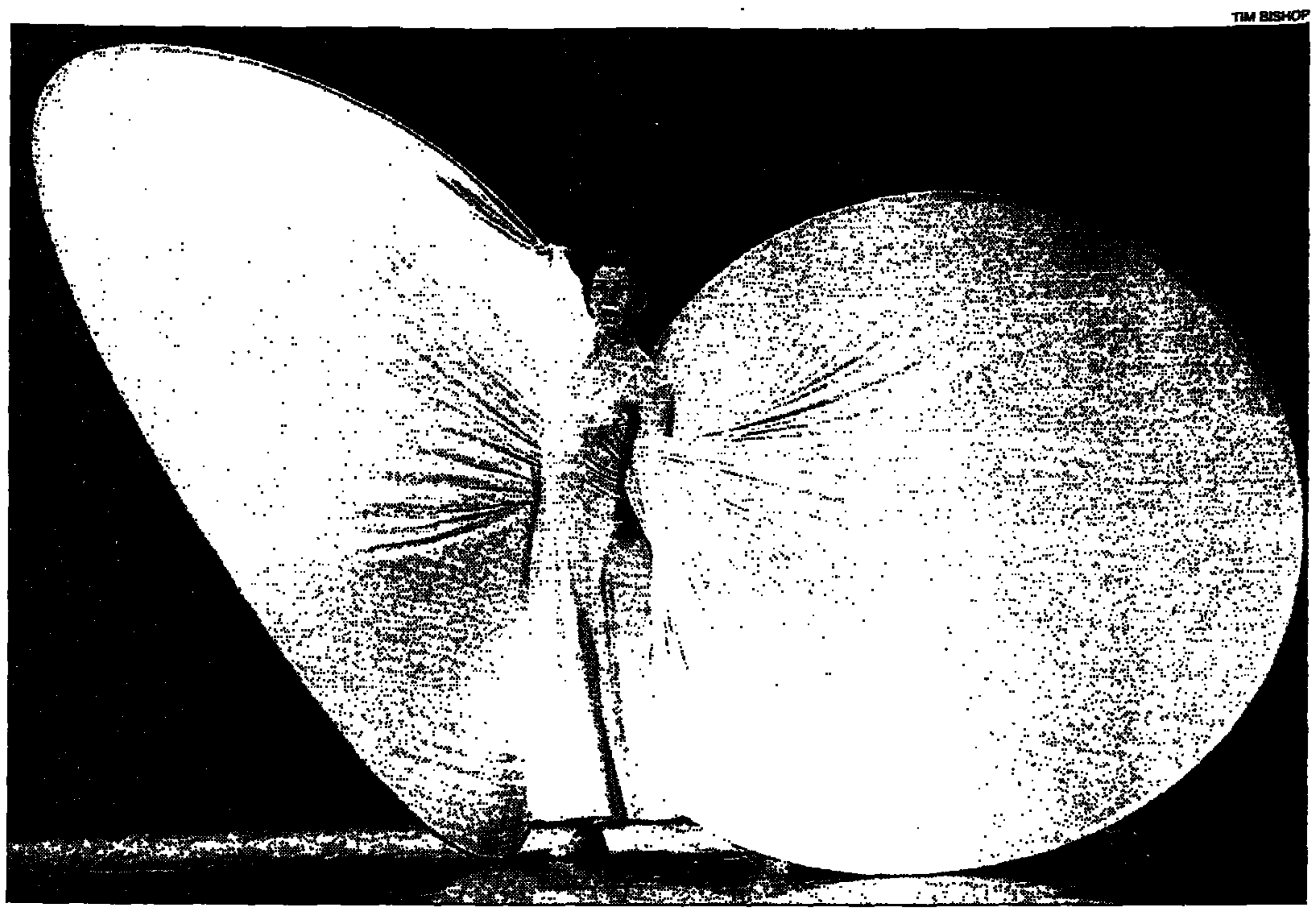
TIM BISHOP



Full dress: Pascale Blaison performing a dance routine in a mix of "mime, music and magic" entitled *Driftings* at Sadler's Wells, London, last night

Tories claim Labour plan would mean higher taxes

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday attempted to reverse Labour's recovery in the opinion polls by claiming that the Opposition's spending plans would lead to substantial tax increases.

With the Opposition's proposals for spending and taxation likely to be a key target of the Conservative's election campaign, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, claimed that under Labour the average taxpayer's take-home pay would be cut by £25 a week.

Labour hit back by saying that it would not raise the basic rate of income tax and accusing the Tories of planning to raise VAT if re-elected.

Mr Lamont claimed that, in addition to Labour's published taxation proposals, the party would need to increase taxes by a further £25 billion to finance their spending plans. He said that figure was the equivalent of 10p on the basic rate of taxation. The Chancellor told the City and Westminster Conservative Association those earning more than £30,000 would on average pay £5,000 more in tax each year, those on £20,000 to £30,000 would pay £2,000 a year and those on £10,000 to £20,000 an additional £1,000 a year. By highlighting Labour's taxation plans, the government is focusing on an area where in the past the Opposition has proved vulnerable to Tory criticism that it is the party of high taxation.

Civil servants produced the figures for Mr Lamont on the basis of an analysis of Labour's proposals made by ministers and their special advisers. Treasury sources said the exercise had been carried out under rules laid down by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary.

John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said that the burden of taxation on the British people had risen by 3 per cent since 1979. "This shows that it is the Tories who are the high taxation party."

He dismissed Mr Lamont's claims as "rubbish" and said they were all part of a phoney election war promoted by government ministers.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said the tax burden had, in fact, risen more under the Tories than under the previous Labour government.

Mr Lamont said that Labour's spending commitments would require extra taxation of at least £35 billion a year but there was a gap of £25 billion between the cost of its proposals and the revenue raised by the Opposition's admitted tax increases of £10 billion.

"This is Labour's hidden tax agenda. Above and beyond tax increases they have told us about, they would need to raise taxes by at least a further £25 billion over five years to finance their extravagant spending plans.

"They like to pretend that these increases would only hurt the well off. But, the sums simply do not add up. To raise all the money they need, Labour would have to put up taxes on the ordinary taxpayer", said Mr Lamont.

Labour promises boost for housing

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR policy on housing designed to underline the party's commitment to homeowners while giving a boost to the public and private rented sectors was unveiled yesterday.

Alongside plans to speed up house sales and to help people with mortgage difficulties, Labour pledged to improve council housing. It would unlock billions of pounds of local authority capital receipts built up from the sale of council houses and set up a national housing bank to lend money to public and private landlords to create more homes for rent.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, announced proposals to end gazumping, to introduce housing "logbooks", to make sellers pay for surveys, and for tough controls on estate agents.

The logbooks would set out the condition of the property, record building work and improvement and list previous surveys. Buyers, though, would be free to carry out their own surveys.

Estate agents would have to display their rates publicly and an inaccurate description of a house would be a legal offence. Gazumping would be ended by adopting a system similar to that in Scotland where a written offer becomes a binding contract in civil law. Local councils would have to pay compensation if they missed deadlines for completing searches.

Labour promised to examine schemes for helping people with severe mortgage difficulties to stay in their homes. It referred to proposals introduced by some Labour councils for converting mortgages into rents and said that in government it would consult lenders, councils and housing associations to agree a mortgage rescue package, including the transfer of properties to the rented sector so that the owner-occupier becomes a tenant.

The policy document, *A Welcome Home*, says that new building is needed to accommodate the increase in the number and type of households, to tackle local shortages and to replace housing that cannot be improved to modern standards.

● The Labour party yesterday stepped up pressure on the Conservatives to make public their sources of income.

Roy Hattersley, the party's deputy leader, said that a Labour government would require by law all political parties to publish the sources of their income and he challenged Chris Patten, Conservative party chairman, to publish the Tories' accounts.

Savaged by dog: Teresa White, aged ten, of Paignton, Devon, before and after being savaged by a dobermann pinscher dog as she walked in a street in the town with her mother. The girl had begun stroking the dog when it sank its teeth into her face. Her forehead, eyelids and nose were ripped open and she needed 78 stitches inserting into her gashed face. She may carry the scars for life. Police say the dog was destroyed by its owner as soon as he was told about the attack, which happened at on Monday evening. Police Constable Paul Rendle said the dog had been on a lead and the owner had let a 19-year-old man take it for a walk. "The owner said he was going to have the dog destroyed." Dangerous-dog legislation does not apply to dobermanns.

Telecom allegation injures Haughey

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Republic's leading industrialist resigned as chairman of the state telephone company last night over an alleged conflict of interest in land and property deals.

Michael Smurfitt, chairman of Jefferson Smurfitt, resigned from Telecom Eireann in the latest of a series of financial controversies which have damaged confidence in the government of Charles Haughey.

His decision followed a call by Mr Haughey suggesting he "step aside" pending the outcome of a government investigation. Mr Smurfitt told Mr Haughey of his decision in Dublin yesterday and later, when asked if he felt he had been badly treated, said: "I will leave that to the Irish people to decide."

Controversy has arisen over a £9 million deal to build headquarters for Telecom Eireann. Mr Smurfitt disclosed that he holds a 10 per cent stake in a property company which two years ago bought the site for Ir£4 million, and sold it for a reported Ir£6 million before it was sold on to Telecom Eireann in 1990 for Ir£9 million.

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Police HQ 'seized' over debt

By CRAIG SETON

THE headquarters of West Midlands police were in the hands of bailiffs yesterday over a debt to a disc jockey.

All the goods and chattels at Lloyd House in Birmingham, were technically impounded on the orders of a sheriff's warrant. The move came after months of litigation and the force's failure to pay two bills amounting to almost £9,000 for damaged and lost sound equipment officers seized during an enquiry involving a "blues" party in 1989.

However, after some hurried writing of cheques to Adolphus Welch, a disc jockey from Sheffield, the danger of police equipment being seized was thwarted.

Watson struggle

Michael Watson, the brain-damaged middleweight fighter, continued to struggle for his life last night at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. The hospital said: "The pressure within the head has risen and a repeat x-ray scan shows the brain to be swollen. Efforts are continuing to reduce this." Watson was injured in a fight with Chris Eubank on Saturday.

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New Plaid chief

Dafydd Wigley, the Welsh Nationalist MP for Caernarfon, is the new president of Plaid Cymru, the party confirmed yesterday. Mr Wigley, aged 48, party president from 1981 to 1984, succeeds Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas, MP for Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, who has announced he will stand down at the general election. He takes up his duties after Plaid Cymru's conference next month.

CORRECTION

An article in last Saturday's *Times* suggested that Richard Dunn, chief executive of Thames TV, said that Mrs Thatcher insisted on the ITV auctioning process as "revenge" for the *Death on the Rock* documentary. He did not, and the *Times* apologises for the error.

Town split over tenant vetting plan

By DAVID YOUNG

A BREWERY baron has caused a bitter dispute by saying that anyone with a criminal record should be refused a council house in a Suffolk seaside resort.

John Adnams, millionaire chairman of Adnams brewery, wants council house applicants to be vetted before being allowed into the town of Southwold.

Mr Adnams, 67, chairman of the town council, supported by fellow councillors, will ask the housing authority to take anyone with a criminal record off the waiting list.

The council want the housing authority, Waveney district council, which has 120 houses in the town, to ask Suffolk police for the records of everyone who applies to live in the picturesque resort. The housing authority and police described the suggestion as a disgrace.

The council blames a recent spate of burglaries in Southwold on "undesirables" who have been allowed to move in. Mr Adnams said: "I don't think they check out sufficiently the background of people when they move them."

Rosalyn McDermott, mayor of Southwold, said: "Southwold is not a snob's place. We have people from all walks of life in the town. The town just takes a bit of getting to know."

The Waveney housing committee chairman, Gordon Collins, said: "This is disgraceful. I think it's a snobbish attitude."

Stephen Javes, the housing officer, responsible for council houses in Southwold, said: "Mr Adnams idea is certainly fairly revolutionary, but I can't for one minute believe the local police force would disclose information to us about criminal records. We let the houses according to need. That means the number of points people on the waiting list have, or whether they are homeless.

"We have no special policy for Southwold and we have sent a letter to the police asking for their observations."

Chief Supt David Chenery, of Lowestoft police, said: "I would not give that type of information to Waveney district council. I would resist that."

The National Council for Civil Liberties said that the request from Southwold Council was "an unjustified invasion of privacy".

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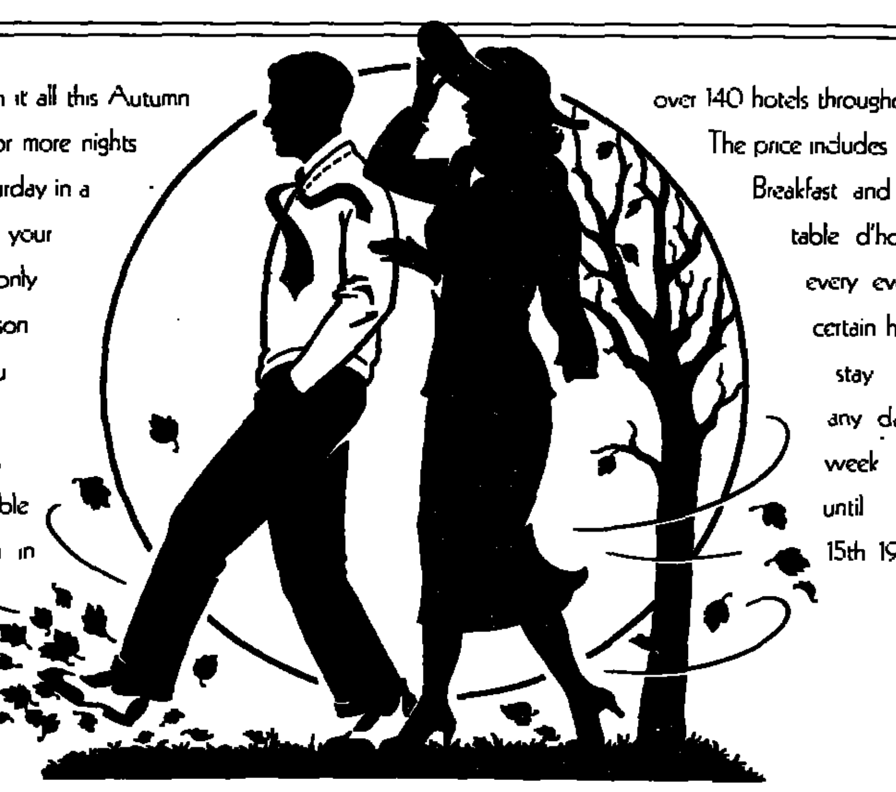

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Husband killed wife and lover after intercepting call

A HUSBAND murdered his wife and her lover after accidentally eavesdropping on them on a telephone extension, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Stewart Porter's chance discovery that his wife Nicola, aged 28, was being unfaithful was to have a cataclysmic effect on their lives and on the family of her lover, Alan Ward, aged 44, the court was told.

"Within three weeks, two people would die, two families would have their lives utterly shattered and Stewart Porter would stand charged with double murder," Graham Boal, for the prosecution, said.

In September last year, Mr Porter, aged 33, a security guard at Heathrow airport, stabbed his wife to death at their home in north London while their two children slept upstairs, Mr Boal said. He then travelled less than a mile to Mr Ward's home and shot him in the head in front of his wife and four other witnesses.

"He was so consumed by bitterness and hatred that, having shot Alan Ward, he prevented any of the five witnesses, including his wife, from rendering him any assistance," Mr Boal said. "He waited deliberately for his victim to die and made sure he was dead before he left that house."

Mr Porter, of Edgware, denies murdering his wife and Mr Ward, an assistant contracts manager with the London borough of Barnet.

Mr Boal said the Wards and their two children lived at Hendon. On August 14, Mr Ward returned home at the normal time and for some reason Mrs Ward asked him: "You have got another woman, haven't you?" Mr Ward told her not to be silly and made as if to shrug the matter off. As far as Mrs Ward was concerned, that was the end of it. However, she had hit upon the truth, and her chance remark was to trigger a cataclysmic series of events, Mr Boal said.

Mr Porter's discovery of his wife's affair with Alan Ward happened in a simple and fortuitous way, Mr Boal said. Mr Ward telephoned Nicola Porter to tell her what had just happened and while they were speaking Stewart Porter picked up the extension telephone. "The ball started to roll inexorably downhill and, before it stopped, Stewart Porter had committed two murders," Mr Boal said.

After killing Mr Ward — an "execution by a wronged husband" — Mr Porter left the house, Mr Boal said. However, instead of killing himself, as he had threatened, he hijacked a car driven by a young couple, then abandoned it and walked the streets. At 5am, he walked into Edgware police station.

Mr Boal said one of the most regrettable features of the case was that the Porters' two children became aware of these most awful events when police broke into their home as they slept upstairs.

Mr Boal said there was no dispute that Stewart Porter killed his wife and Mr Ward. Mr Porter denied murder but had admitted manslaughter.

Mr Boal said that Mr Porter told police that he lashed out at his wife, initially without intending to kill her, because he was so provoked by the affair, her conduct during the 17 days between his discovery and her death, and her taunts and abuse on the night of the killings. The killing of Alan Ward was an accident, Mr Porter claimed.

Mrs Porter suffered 24 stab wounds, Mr Boal said. Her husband told police she had been torturing him mentally all the time. He said his wife had taken every opportunity to talk about her sexual activities with Mr Ward.

The trial continues today.

Porter: claimed wife had tortured him mentally

Appeals system 'failed Maguires'

By Lin Jenkins

THE head of the Home Office criminal policy department conceded yesterday that the appeals system failed the Maguire family and their associates and allowed a miscarriage of justice to stand for 15 years.

Graham Angel acknowledged before the May enquiry into the Woolwich and Guildford bombings, that despite representations from eminent people over a number of years on behalf of those convicted for allegedly running an IRA bomb factory, the matter was not resolved.

He said the department, C3, could look only at cases on the narrow grounds raised by those making representations. In the Maguire case this had to do with the specificity of scientific tests. The enquiry heard on Monday that Lord Fitt had raised the matter of innocent contamination, the grounds on which the court of appeal quashed the convictions this year, in 1980.

Mr Angel said: "We regard the system as having failed. One of the first things we did on reading your interim report was to ask the forensic science service to conduct fundamental reviews in the cases of the Birmingham Six and Judith Ward. We should be more ready than we were to order that kind of investigation." The hearing continues today.

Two top opera posts are filled

By Richard Morrison
Arts Editor

TWO more of the top jobs in British opera were filled yesterday. Dennis Marks, aged 43, a television producer, has been appointed general director of English National Opera, succeeding Peter Jonas in 1993, while Scottish Opera has made Richard Jarman, aged 42, its new managing director. He takes up his position immediately.

The announcements follow the news earlier this week that Nicholas Payne is to be director of the Royal Opera.

Marks, BBC TV's head of music programmes, has spent all but four of the past 21 years working for the BBC. He is a surprise choice to run the ENO, though he has been responsible for some of the most spectacular opera productions on the small screen. His most recent achievement was to co-produce Sir Michael Tippett's *New Year*.

Marks faces a daunting task. He must tackle ENO's deficit and renegotiate the Coliseum's lease.

Richard Jarman has been acting managing director at Scottish Opera since Richard Mantle left last May. He will need all his experience to steer the company through a difficult season. "Our level of funding threatens the survival of the company as one of the UK's five major opera companies," he said yesterday.

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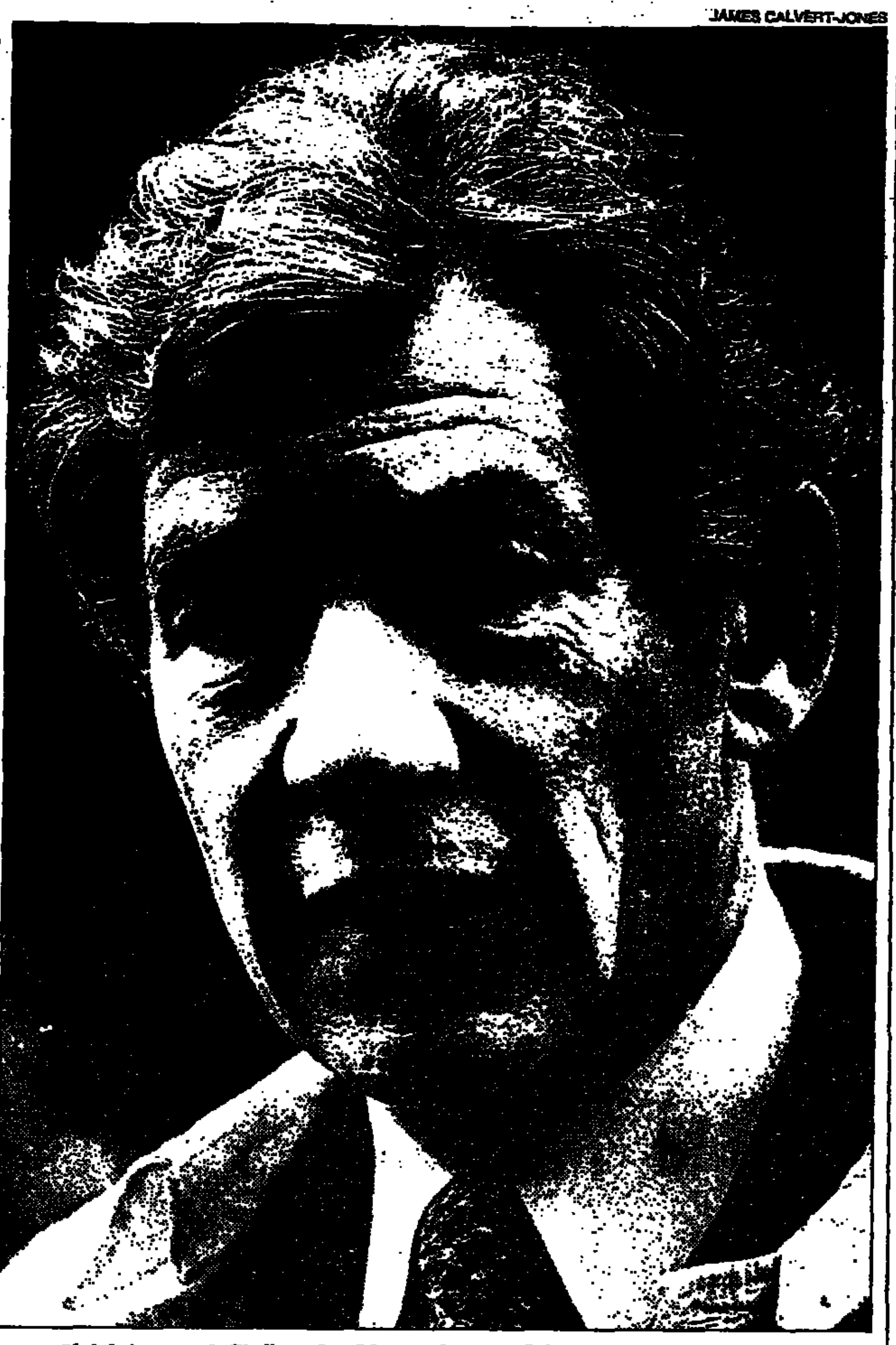


Knight's errand: Sir Ian after his meeting with Mr Major on gay questions

Major briefed on gay issues

By Joe Joseph

SIR Ian McKellen, the actor, director and leading campaigner for gay and lesbian rights, said after meeting John Major yesterday that he would be "very disappointed if there weren't commitments to early specific legislation for more equal treatment of homosexuals in the Conservative party's election manifesto".

The actor had a 40-minute meeting with the prime minister at 10 Downing Street, a meeting requested by Sir Ian after Mr Major attended one of his performances at the National Theatre. The meeting is being seen as another instance of the changed tone of leadership that Mr Major has brought to his party, although right-wing Conservative groups have condemned the initiative.

Downing Street said the prime minister had asked for more information on several issues during the meeting with Sir Ian, who is a founder member of Stonewall, a homosexual pressure group. "Mr Major listened carefully, with interest, and will maintain his interest in the subject," a spokesman said.

Sir Ian said that the prime minister made it quite clear that he was there to listen and that he felt he was not well briefed. "He promised no action other than to consider what I had said and to take it back to his colleagues.

"I made the point that society was changing its attitude towards homosexuality. What needs to follow on from that is action from politicians and that action should be pursued on the basis of equality under the law. We need changes in the criminal law. Discrimination is built into so much legislation."

Sir Ian said he welcomed the meeting. "I await with enormous interest to see if it has contributed to a shift in the Conservative party's official position. Until then I withhold judgment. If there isn't anything in the Conservative manifesto then I would feel the meeting hadn't been a success."

Baker berates parents of young rioters

By Stewart Tendler

CRITICS of the recent riots who condemned police tactics should be concerned not with the role of the police but with the role of the parents, the home secretary told senior police officers yesterday.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the riots was the number of children arrested for mindless violence or destruction of property, Kenneth Baker told the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference in Torquay. "The question when that occurs is not so much 'where are the police?' the question that ought to be asked is 'where are mum and dad?'," Mr Baker said.

He said that car thefts and joy riding lay at the root of the riots and yet the crimes were underestimated by the public. A clear message had to be sent out emphasising that joy riding was a crime which was unacceptable.

Fighting car crime should involve the parents as well as the police and social agencies, Mr Baker said, and joy riding should no longer be treated as a light hearted escapade but recognised by society as a crime that could kill.

"I condemn the use of the words joy riding," Mr Baker said. "It implies it's all a bit of a lark. It's not a lark. It's a crime, a crime that can often lead to death."

Action had to be taken to halt the progression of young boys into crime. They started, Mr Baker said, as truants. They became shoplifters, bicycle thieves and then car thieves. The offences mounted creating habitual offenders facing long periods in prison. He said that the government is to publish a discussion document suggesting new ways local communities can curb crime among children.

The home secretary said he supported police action this summer in going into estates and combating car crime even if officers risked disorder. He said it was an insult to imply that local communities tolerated the crime. Police had received clear support in Oxford and Newcastle for their tactics.

The superintendents' association has suggested a totting up system for persistent offenders such as car thieves that could eventually lead to prison. However, Mr Baker turned down the idea saying that the courts already had wide powers with a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and a fine which will soon rise to £5,000.

Mr Baker said he would rather put faith in creating more secure vehicles and he expressed optimism that car makers would now accept the importance of better car security. There could now be progress in installing dead locks in new models, placing special identity marks inside vehicles and finding a simple mechanism for immobilising vehicles.

Chief Supt David Golding, president of the association, in his inaugural speech to the conference, urged Mr Baker to consider the growing problems of using evidence of admissions made by suspects when they are arrested. The notes made by officers are frequently challenged in court and he said that some form of portable tape recorder could be used to show juries what had really happened.

Woman is cleared of blackmail

A MOTHER was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court, London, yesterday of helping her son in a £1 million plot to blackmail the supermarket chain Sainsbury's.

Patricia Finbow, aged 52, of Euston, north London, denied demanding money with menaces from the Camden Town branch of Sainsbury's by threatening to poison foodstuffs. Mrs Finbow, a travel agent, told the jury she knew nothing of ransom demands made by her son Mark. "I would have boxed his ears if I had found out," she said.

Judge Machin, QC, is due to sentence Mark Finbow, aged 25, a former company director, of Hastings, East Sussex, today. He has admitted trying to extort £1 million from Sainsbury's in January.

BR plans cross-London speed-up

The prospect of a revolution in travel patterns has been opened up for London commuters. British Rail's plans are examined by Michael Dynes

TRADITIONAL patterns of commuting in London and the South-East could be transformed by plans to upgrade Network SouthEast's Thameslink service between Bedford and Brighton.

Proposals to increase capacity on one of the key southern approaches into central London will enable Thameslink to provide passengers with regular peak time commuter services from Bedford, Peterborough and King's Lynn in the north, to Gatwick airport, Guildford and Brighton in the south.

If a southern approach for the proposed Channel tunnel rail link between Folkestone and London receives government approval, it could be possible for Network SouthEast to use the new Kent commuter trains on the Thameslink network, providing fast services into Blackfriars, City Thameslink (St Paul's), Farringdon and King's Cross stations.

With plans for up to three spur lines linking the Channel tunnel rail link with the existing Kent network, Kent commuter trains would be able to weave off and on the rail link, bringing about a dramatic reductions in journey times into central London.

Passengers throughout the southeast region will be able to undertake journeys never before contemplated, without having to make multiple London Underground connections to British Rail stations. The journey between Canterbury and Cambridge, for example, could be reduced by up to an hour over the fastest existing journey time, without changing at King's Cross and Charing Cross. The Thameslink service, which is Network SouthEast's only north-south cross-London railway, came into operation in 1988 after the reopening of the Snowhill tunnel between Farringdon and Blackfriars, which re-established the disused connection between the southern third rail system with the northern overhead line network.

At present, however, Thameslink trains connecting north and south suburban areas can provide little more than a nominal service. Because of the impossibility of feeding additional trains across the congested commuter lines south of the Thames, there is no Thameslink service via London Bridge in the morning and evening peaks.

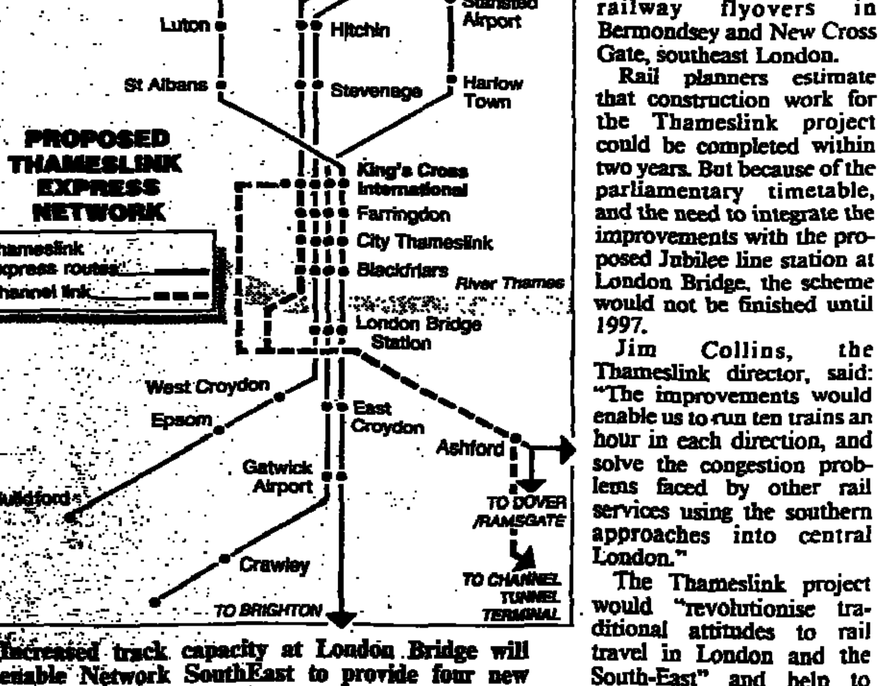
Thameslink trains crossing the river at *Blackfriars* are channelled along a section of railway which is progressively reduced from four tracks to one as they weave around to Borough Market junction in Bermondsey, south London, imposing severe constraints on the number of services Thameslink can provide.

Network SouthEast is planning to overcome these difficulties by tabling a parliamentary bill in November seeking authority for a £250 million scheme to build two new platforms at London Bridge station, a new viaduct between London Bridge and Borough Market, and two railway flyovers in Bermondsey and New Cross Gate, southeast London.

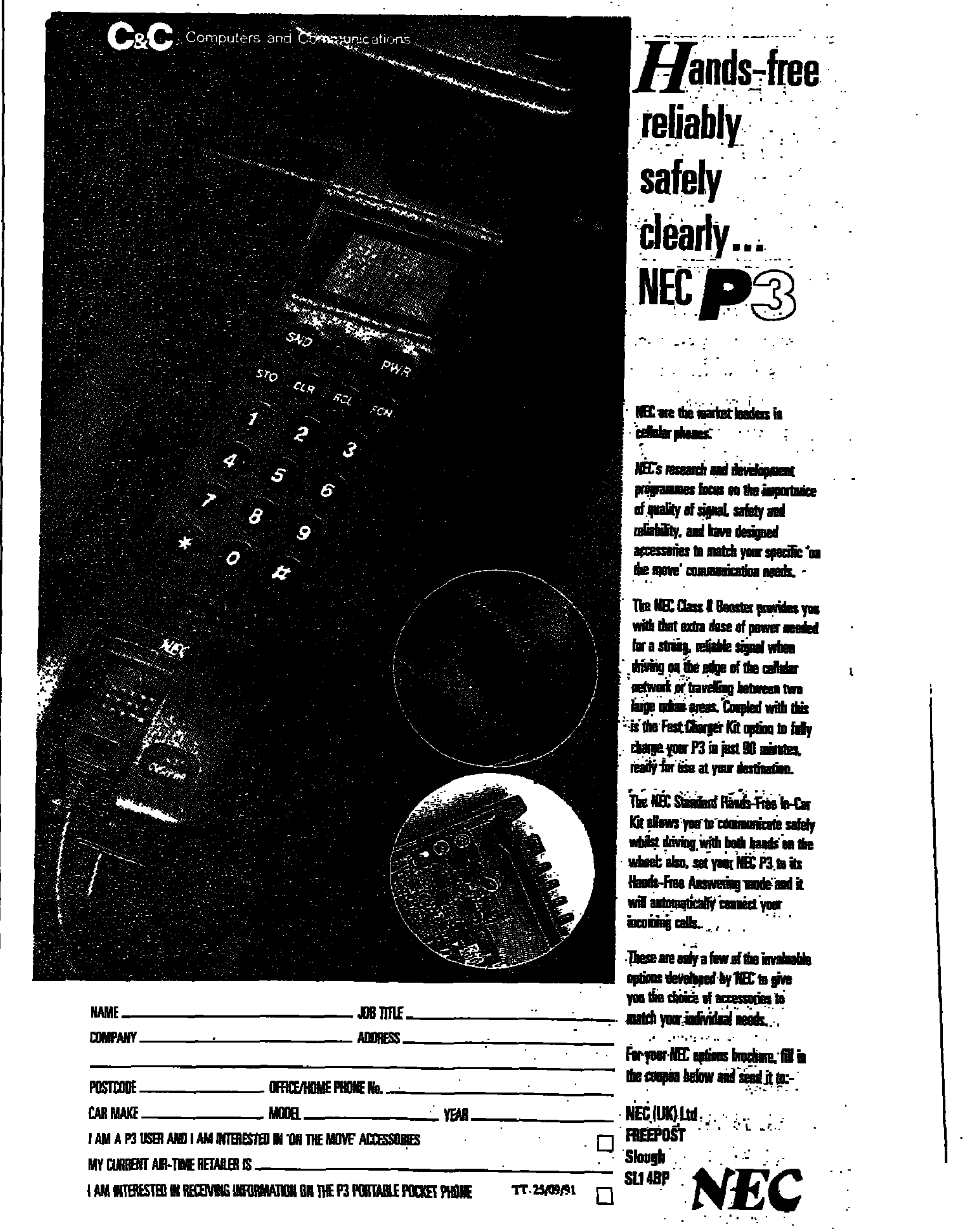
Rail planners estimate that construction work for the Thameslink project could be completed within two years. But because of the parliamentary timetable, and the need to integrate the improvements with the proposed Jubilee line station at London Bridge, the scheme would not be finished until 1997.

Jim Collins, the Thameslink director, said: "The improvements would enable us to run ten trains an hour in each direction, and solve the congestion problems faced by other rail services using the southern approaches into central London."

The Thameslink project would "revolutionise traditional attitudes to rail travel in London and the South-East" and help to relieve congestion on the London Underground network.



Increased track capacity at London Bridge will enable Network SouthEast to provide four new Thameslink Express services connecting suburban commuter destinations north of the Thames directly with those south of the Thames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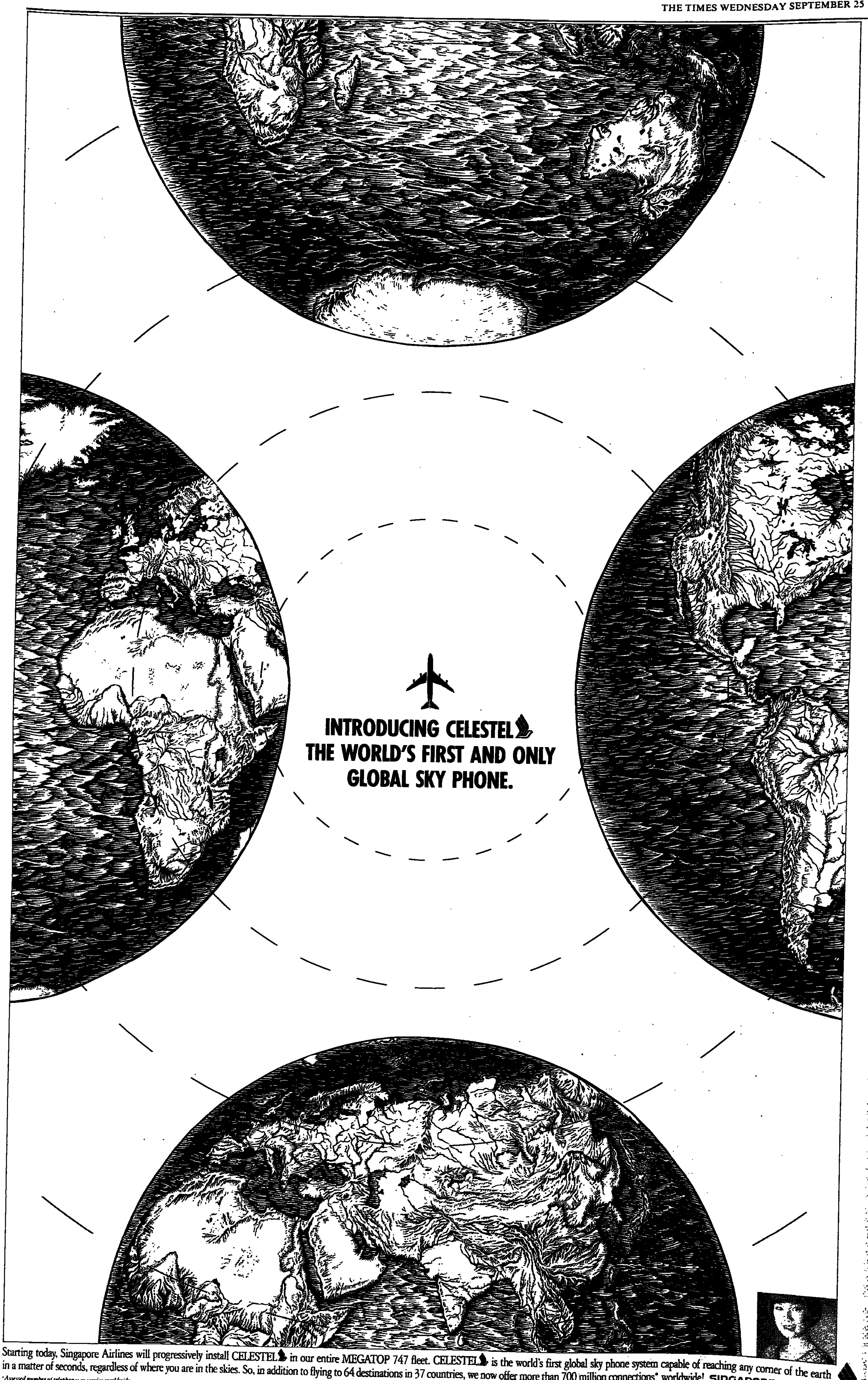

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Charter for patients aims for better care and wider choice

Lang: maximum 18 month wait for operations

From today in Scotland there will be an end to the frustration of block bookings for out-patient appointments. Kerry Gill reports on a charter first

THE first of the citizen's charters for patients, proposed by John Major in the summer, was published in Scotland yesterday with the aim of raising standards of care in the national health service.

Launched by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, the patient's charter contains a wide range of commitments on the standard of care and wider choice for the public. Health boards will have to guarantee to treat patients within set times in certain specialties; there will be a national guarantee of treatment within 18 months and a complaints system will be introduced immediately.

From today there will be an end to the frustrating system of "block" bookings for out-patient appointments. Patients will be given realistic appointment times and with a guaranteed explanation if they are not seen 30 minutes after their appointment.

Mr Lang said: "By ending this unpopular practice, so wasteful of patients' time, virtually overnight, a major source of concern to patients has been eliminated."

Health promotion initiatives will be introduced at once, as will a simplified complaints system for every hospital in the country that will include names and addresses of those responsible for dealing with complaints.

The government hopes that the charter will help in the run-up to the general election when the state of the health service will be a leading issue. Mr Lang said a "longstop" guarantee that no one would have to wait more than 18 months for an operation would be brought in, although he emphasised that about half of all admissions were dealt with immediately and three out of four patients were now treated within four weeks.

All hospitals and health centres will have to publish annual reports on past performance and future plans by next April.

As part of the charter the government has also published *Framework for Action* in which the health service has set out national goals that must be achieved by the year 2000.

Those include a 30 per cent cut in deaths from heart disease in the under-65s, a 15 per cent cut in cancer deaths and a 30 per cent cut in smoking among people aged between 12 and 24. The government also wants to reduce smoking by 20 per cent among those aged between 25 and 65.

Other aims include a reduction in excessive drinking, prevention of the spread of HIV infection, a reduction in drug misuse and accidents, and improvements in dental health.

Compared with other Western European and developed countries Scottish men have the shortest life expectancy, Scottish women have the worst record for deaths from lung cancer, and men and women north of the border suffer the worst death rates from coronary heart disease.

Names similarity in authorship case 'pure coincidence'

By CRAIG SETON

THE publishing editor who discovered the best-selling thriller writer, Alistair Maclean, explained yesterday why she decided after his death to choose an unknown author with a similar name to continue his work.

Marjorie Chapman, editor of Maclean's books from 1982 until he died in 1987, told magistrates at Stratford-upon-Avon that it was "pure coincidence" that the writer selected to write two books based on the famous author's plots was a Scot called Alastair MacNeill.

Mrs Chapman was giving evidence for HarperCollins, publishers of Alistair Maclean books, which has denied five charges of breaching the Trade Descriptions Act by indicating that two £3.50 paperback books, *Death Train* and *Night Watch*, were written by Mr Maclean when they were not.

The case brought by Warwickshire trading standards officers is believed to be the first of its kind against a publishing house. The prosecution claims readers were misled into believing the books were written by the best-selling author because the script at the top of the front covers said "Alistair Maclean's *Death Train*" and "Alistair Maclean's *Night Watch*" in an almost identicable format to his original works. Alastair MacNeill's name was in smaller type at the bottom.

The prosecution said readers complained that the two books were inferior to what they would expect from Maclean. One reader said he felt he had been "conned".

Mrs Chapman told the court yesterday that in 1954 she realised the potential of Mr Maclean, then a schoolteacher, when she read a short story of his in the *Glasgow Herald*. She told her husband, who worked for the publishing company's Glasgow office, and Mr Maclean was encouraged to write a novel. He later handed over a parcel tied with string that contained the manuscript for *HMS Ulysses*, for which he was paid £1,000. The second he produced was *The Guns of Navarone*. They were the first of 29 best sellers.

After Maclean's death, HarperCollins sought an author to write books from plots and character profiles he had prepared for an American film company. Mrs Chapman said Alastair MacNeill was previously unpublished, but she read one of his manuscripts for a thriller and thought he was a strong storyteller and good on action. "I asked him to embellish Alistair Maclean's character and story outlines and was encouraged by what I read.

"I emphasise that the similarity in name had nothing to do with my decision to ask him to novelise Maclean's outline. It was his ability to write like Maclean. Any suggestion that his name had any influence on my decision I would regard as a professional insult. It was a pure coincidence."

Mrs Chapman said storytelling was paramount in selecting an author who was good on action that was not overtly violent or full of sexual interludes. Alistair Maclean felt strongly that sex in a thriller killed the action and that the use of expletives was lazy writing. She agreed that *HMS Ulysses* contained the word "bloody" and that *Death Train*, by Mr MacNeill, had a female character who was "pissed off". But one book had been written in 1954 and the other in 1987.

She told the court: "I do not think anybody at HarperCollins would claim that Mr MacNeill was a mirror image writer of Mr Maclean. That would be impossible. What Mr MacNeill did do was create tension and atmosphere very much in the way that Maclean did."

Mrs Chapman, commenting on the composition of the cover of *Death Train* and *Night Watch*, said: "They are saying that Alastair MacNeill wrote the book, but that there would not have been a book without Alistair Maclean." She added that Maclean would have been pleased that another Scot had been chosen to write the books from his plots.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

Call for laws to curb loan sharks

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

NEW legislation to clamp down on lenders charging extortionate interest rates or lending to people who cannot afford the payments was called for by the Office of Fair Trading yesterday.

A report, *Unjust Credit Transactions*, urges tougher penalties for unlicensed money lenders and wants the cancellation of excessive credit deals made easier. The report states that since the Consumer Credit Act 1974 came into operation, only four lenders have had loan agreements altered by the courts.

At present, borrowers have to take action against lenders if they feel their interest rate is too high. Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of fair trading, said that those people desperate enough to borrow at extortionate rates were unlikely to have the strength to take on the lender in court.

In one case, the interest and charges on a £400 loan came to £399.92 making a total of £799.92 to be repaid over 12 months. The borrower had a weekly income of £51.

A couple in arrears with two mortgages on their home, totalling £14,800, took on a four-month bridging loan at 4 per cent per month for £22,400. The broker's fee for arranging this was £4,000 and interest of £3,584 was deducted in advance leaving the couple with just £16. The couple eventually had to sell their home to pay off £25,000 on the bridging loan.

Sir Gordon wants county courts to be given the power to reduce or cancel loan agreements if they think the rates charged are unjust when lenders pursue debtors for repayment or repossession of their homes. Trading standards officers and the Office of Fair Trading should also be able to apply for credit deals to be altered when they feel it is in the public interest, the report recommends.

Courts can now only act after a request from a borrower to decide whether a transaction is extortionate. The report says that the courts should consider whether the transaction involved business activity which was deceitful, oppressive, unfair or improper. The lender's care in granting the loan should be checked.

The report was requested by the industry department last November. Sir Gordon is therefore hopeful that some of his proposals will become law in the next two years.

Unjust Credit Transactions (Office of Fair Trading, Room 726/8 Chancery House, 53/64 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SP; free of charge)

Arthur's earner back after break

By DAVID YOUNG

A THREAT to the livelihood of actors, who often rely on earnings from television commercials, has been lifted. Equity, the actors' union, has voted to accept a new system of payment for advertising work.

The union had banned its members from taking part in commercials until a new agreement had been negotiated. The advertising industry had ended a previous agreement, which tied it to a system of rising repeat fees.

The new system was described as a "classic compromise" by Ian McGarry, the union's general secretary. In one of the highest participations in a ballot since postal voting was made compulsory, 5,126 members voted to accept the new agreement while 2,266 opposed it, a majority of more than 69 per cent of those who voted — 16.9 per cent of the union's membership.

The result, announced yesterday, means that instead of payment being calculated on where and how often a commercial is televised, actors such as George Cole, Maureen Lipman, David Jason and Robbie Coltrane will be paid according to ratings. The most watched advertisement will bring the most money for its Equity performers.

Ratings will be measured across the whole television audience, including cable and satellite viewers, and commercials can now be shown as many times as advertisers like over a 13-week period. An advertisement's popularity will be assessed by the same system used to gather programme-viewing figures by the British Audience Research Bureau.

MARC ASPLAND

Play group: Arthur Miller, who met the cast of his new play, *The Ride Down Mount Morgan*, at rehearsals in London yesterday. The play opens at Wyndham's theatre, London, next month and is the first by Miller to have a world première in England

Gummer criticises EC plans to limit sheep subsidies

From MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

A TRADITIONAL British way of life in the hills based on sheep grazing would be destroyed by the farming reforms proposed by the European Community, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said in Brussels yesterday.

Mr Gummer told his 11 EC counterparts that proposals for controlling the soaring cost of sheep farm subsidies were "utterly unacceptable", discriminatory against Britain and based on a false concept. Levelling a veiled allegation of partisanship at Irishman Ray MacSharry, the European agriculture commissioner, Mr Gummer said the proposals seemed expressly designed to benefit Irish farmers, who, he said, had caused the overspending by the rapid expansion of their sheep population.

According to European Commission figures, the number of Irish ewes has risen from 1.9 million to 4.8 million since 1984. The British flock has also increased sharply, from just over 16 million ewes to more than 20 million.

Mr MacSharry retorted that he was "not going to get involved in nationalistic comments". The annual cost of support for sheep farmers had risen over the past 10 years from £40 million to £1,400 million, Mr MacSharry told the ministers. Under the Brussels plan for reform of the common agricultural policy, headage subsidies that are now paid on every ewe would be limited to 750 ewes in a flock in hill areas and 350 ewes in the lowlands. Mr Gummer said that flocks above this size were virtually unknown outside Britain, where they accounted for 14 per cent of the total. As a result British farmers would have to shoulder the whole burden of the subsidy cut.

In a private meeting between Mr Gummer and Louis Mermaz, the French agriculture minister, over the attack near Cherbourg by French farmers on a lorry carrying British lamb carcasses last weekend, M Mermaz gave an assurance that future consignments would receive police protection and that any farmers involved in attacks would be prosecuted.

Over the past two days, Mr Gummer has emerged as the most strident opponent of the agricultural policy reform plan, which he argues would increase rather than cut costs and reward small, barely viable continental farms at the expense of larger and more efficient British ones. The Brussels proposals would balance sharp cuts in farmers' support prices with a system of direct cash grants weighted in favour of smaller farmers. Mr MacSharry said he was pleased that almost all EC states seemed to agree on the need for radical reform, but he accepted that agreement was unlikely before next spring.

● British farmers are to be compensated by the French government for damage caused when lorryloads of lamb were attacked by farmers near Cherbourg, Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, said yesterday after have lunch with John Major.

Nurses seek £900m pay package

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NURSES and midwives yesterday called for a 9 per cent pay increase, with additional rises of up to 21 per cent for those on the lowest grades, as part of a new restructuring exercise.

The whole package would add about £900 million or 13.5 per cent to the nurses' and midwives' pay bill for 1992/93. Staff evidence to the nurses' and midwives' pay review body claims that salaries for auxiliaries and unqualified staff, 27 per cent of the workforce, do not reflect their workload and are not competitive with pay rates outside the NHS.

Although overall nurses' pay has broadly kept in line with increases in average earnings over the past decade, non-manual earnings have been rising more sharply than manual rates, pushing nurses down the pay league again, says the report on the staff evidence.

Judith Carter, chairman of the staff negotiating council, claimed the NHS was exploiting its employees. The staff council was presenting its evidence against the background of an NHS beset by a financial crisis, the start of a two-tier service and cuts in services as well as jobs, she said. "I believe this is the result of the government's imposed reforms and I fear that the worst is yet to come."

The report calls on the review body to recommend to the government that its pay awards should be implemented in NHS trusts as well as directly managed hospitals. The government continually insisted that trusts were part of the health service, and yet allowed them to set their own rates, Ms Carter said. It also asked the review body to recommend rises for all NHS nursing and midwifery staff. "If trusts are in the NHS, they should pay the NHS rate."

Ms Carter criticised the government's decision for 1991/92 to implement a staged pay award — 9.5 per cent — for nurses for the fourth successive year.

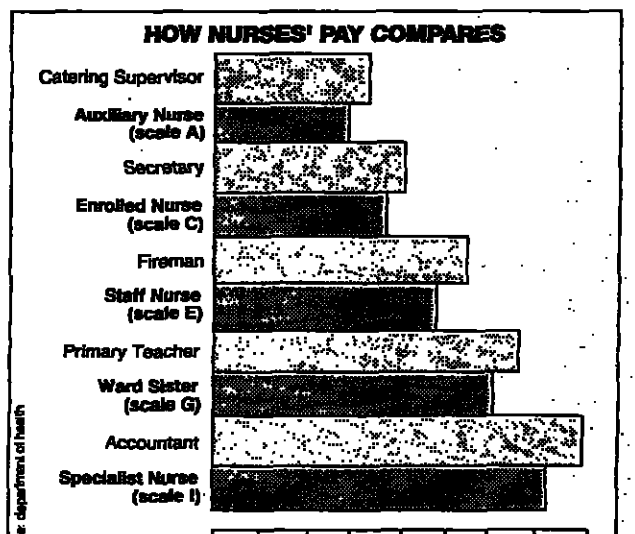
Almost two thirds of nursing staff in the lowest three grades and nearly 21 per cent of the total nursing workforce earned less than the European decency threshold; equivalent to 68 per cent of average earnings, or £178.91 per week.

"Dealing with low pay is a practical as well as a moral necessity. As the demographic time bomb explodes, competition is intensifying for potential nurses from a wide range of other employers offering higher pay and better benefits," she said.

The lowest paid nurses, earning between £6,485 and £8,770, had gained little from the 1988 clinical grading exercise. That structure had locked them into the lower grades, with eight out of ten now on the lowest scale A. Although the work of home helps and care assistants in local government was broadly comparable, many nursing auxiliaries were paid far less.

From December 1, when the second stage of the 1990 pay award is implemented, 40 per cent of nursing auxiliaries would earn less in basic pay than care assistants and 45 per cent would earn less than home helps.

The staff negotiators side had now proposed "modest" changes to the pay structure designed to deal with in-built low pay, under which those at the bottom end of scale A would get 21 per cent on top of the overall pay rise, while those at the top of this scale would receive 10 per cent. Some readjustment would be needed further up the scale to realign pay following the new structure, Ms Carter said.



NURSES' PAY

	August 1982 (£)	July 1986 (£)	April 1991 (£)	December 1991† (£)
Nursing Auxiliary (Grade A)	3,530 (5,780)	4,265 (5,866)	6,485	6,605
Enrolled Nurse (Grade C)	4,501 (7,370)	5,700 (7,840)	8,770	8,930
Staff Nurse (Grade D)	4,998 (8,184)	6,475 (8,906)	10,045	10,230

1991 rates shown in brackets †2nd stage pay award

38,000 grading appeals drag on

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

IN 1988, nurses were given a new clinical grading structure to match skills to pay and establish a proper career ladder for the first time.

Three years later, more than 38,000 appeals are still outstanding from nurses who feel they were put on the wrong grade in an exercise which cost £1 billion, and added 17.9 per cent to the pay bill.

One in 12 nurses is still arguing that in April 1988 his or her job deserved a higher rating. About 150 appeals are going forward every month from inconclusive local consideration. They are heard by a national panel, which makes the final decision.

Most of the appeals are from nurses trying to move off the bottom grade and those at ward sister level. At least 86 per cent of nursing auxiliaries and assistants were put on the bottom grade A, earning half the average rise for nursing as a whole.

An estimated 120,000 nurses, more than one in five of the workforce, have appealed against their grades. The successful appeals have cost districts and NHS trusts about £10 million and the Royal College of Nursing predicts that the remainder will cost a further £20 million.

"A trust could have considerable difficulty funding three years' backdated pay for a whole batch of nurses put on the wrong grade," said Tony Nicholson, RCN deputy director of labour relations, yesterday.

Under a new RCN proposal to speed up the appeal process, which is expected to be implemented in January, three regional bases will be set up where panels would sit for several weeks. If this system was adopted the remainder of the appeals could be heard within two years, said Mr Nicholson. "If we had to wait any longer the whole system would collapse."

Bishop McCulloch with his wife Celia yesterday

New post for 'punk' bishop

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A BISHOP who once dressed as a punk and dyed his hair a "racy" wine colour to raise money for children, is to become the youngest diocesan bishop in the Church of England.

Nigel McCulloch, aged 49, bishop of Taunton and known as "the people's bishop", will become bishop of Wakefield, succeeding Dr David Hope, the new bishop of London.

Bishop McCulloch, who said yesterday he was "excited and humbled" by his new post, helped launch the church's Decade of Evangelism this year. He was bishop suffragan to the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, when bishop of Bath and Wells. Bishop McCulloch led the diocese during its recent interregnum. He is a keen musician, is on the council of the Royal School of Church Music and once accused preachers of boring worshippers with sleep-inducing "third-rate personal comments on public affairs".

The congregation of St Thomas and St Edmund, Salisbury, grew from 100 to 500 when he was rector, before becoming bishop of Taunton in 1986.

The bishop, who is chairman of the Decade of Evangelism steering group, was born in Liverpool, read theology at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and trained for ordination at Cuddesdon theological college, Oxford.

He and his wife Celia, the daughter of Canon Tim Townshend, a former rector of Cannock, Staffordshire, have two children.

The diocese of Wakefield stretches from Huddersfield and Halifax to Barnsley. Its population of more than one million people is served by 220 full-time clergy. The diocese contains Europe's largest Islamic centre, at Dewsbury.

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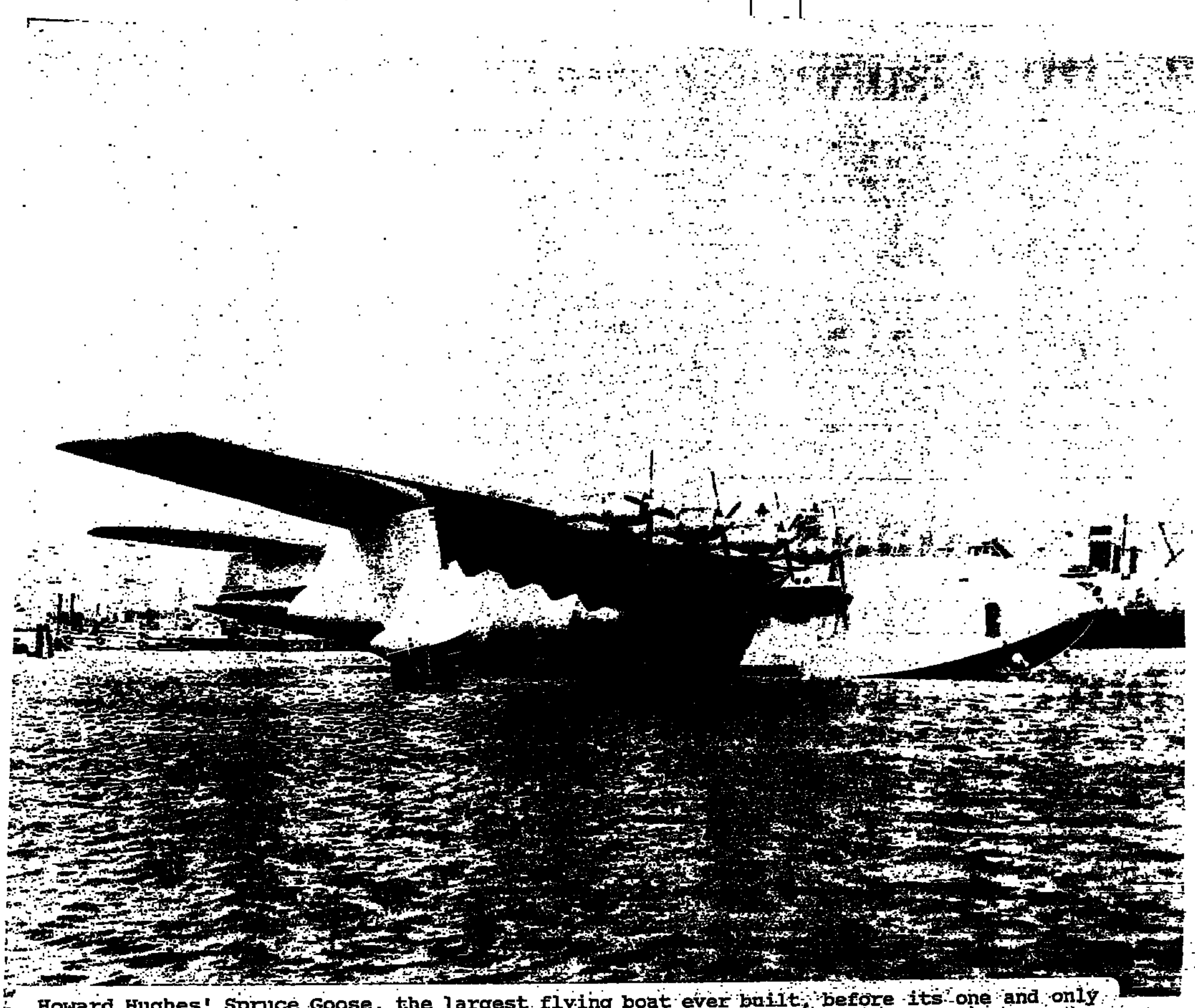

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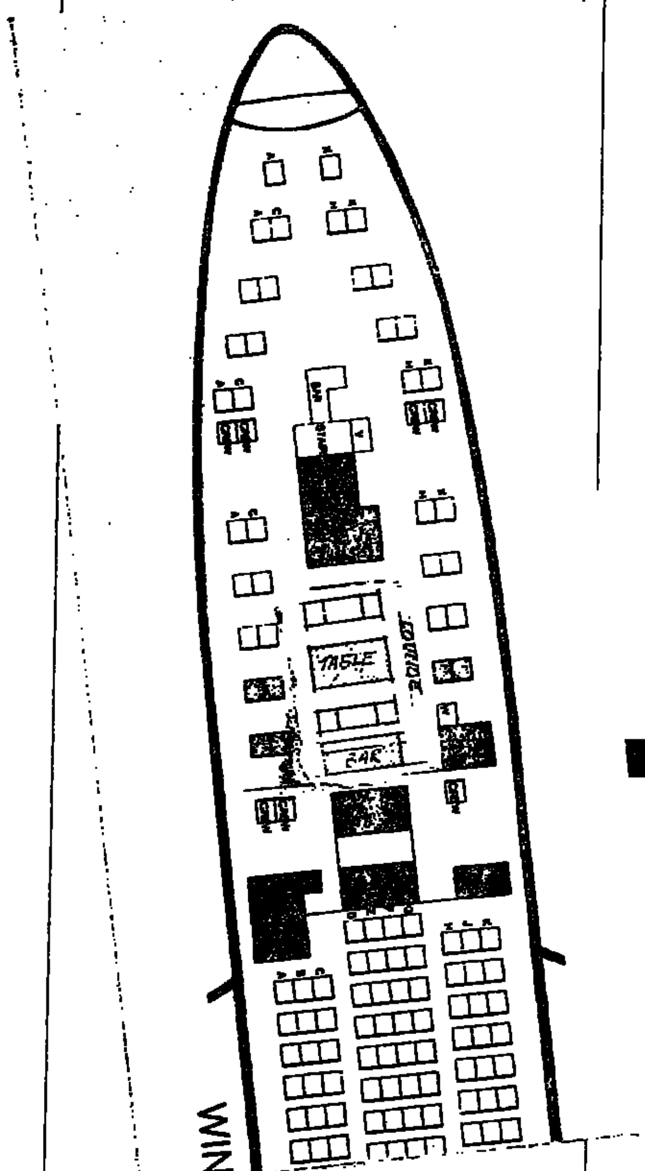

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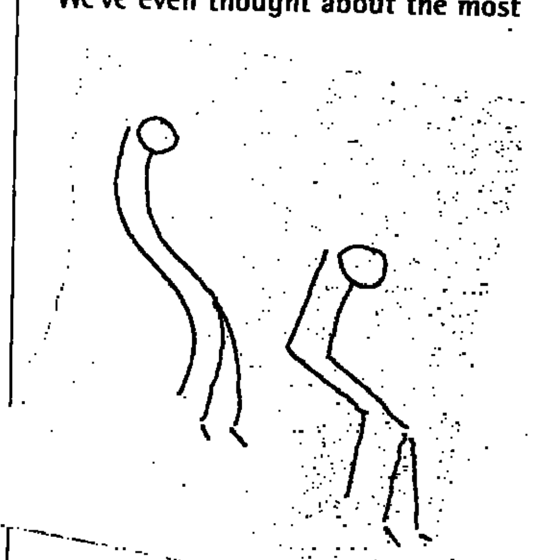

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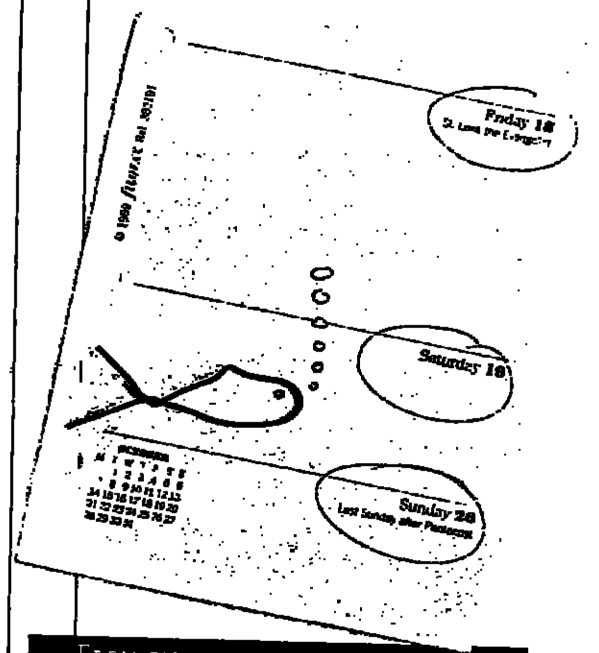

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100,000 farm jobs likely to vanish in ten years

By JOHN YOUNG

UP TO 100,000 jobs in farming and many more in related industries are likely to be lost over the next ten years, Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of the Rural Development Commission, said yesterday.

The most recent census published by the agriculture ministry shows that in June 1990 there were 279,000 farmers and 282,000 farmworkers in Britain. But the latter figure does not include the many thousands more employed in the supply of agricultural machinery and equipment, fertilisers, pesticides, seed and animal feeds, and in food processing and distribution.

Launching the commission's annual report in London, Lord Shuttleworth called for an initiative to assist rural areas that were likely to have most difficulty in coping with the forecast decline in agriculture. "The imminent resumption of negotiations in Brussels on common agricultural policy reforms adds urgency to the matter," he said.

"New jobs are needed in agricultural areas of England. In the less dynamic areas this will only happen if we create the right conditions for enterprise to flourish, by encouraging the provision of business advisory services, premises, adequate infrastructure and access to finance and training, as well as necessary services including affordable housing."

In his foreword to the report, Lord Shuttleworth observes that historically a significant proportion of employment in rural England has been narrowly based, in industries such as agriculture and mining, both now facing contraction. Unprecedented demands are being placed on the countryside, particularly for housing and for leisure use.

"One prospect that I cannot accept is the abandonment of a long-standing tradition of a countryside that works, in every sense," he says. "To settle for a passive countryside would be to fail to realise the potential of a national resource."

The rural coalfields of the east Midlands lost more than 30,000 jobs between 1984 and 1990, he points out. During that period the commission was able to provide assistance in regeneration, and is now considering applying its experience to agricultural areas.

The report says that the recession is hitting the countryside at least as hard as the towns. The rural economy has a high proportion of self-employed people and vulnerable small businesses, and a sample survey of the commission's clients in February disclosed that more than half were in difficulties.

The need for affordable housing in the countryside remains the commission's greatest concern. A sequel to a report published last year concluded that although some 34,300 new affordable homes appeared to be in the pipeline, only 9,300 of those were certain to be built.

The council is also concerned at the adverse effect of the combination of the community charge and the unified business rate on many village shops and post offices. Large numbers of shops are up for sale.

During the year the commission also made representations to the government about the plight of residents in remoter rural areas who still lacked mains electricity, and the economic and social needs of people living in national parks. These were submitted to the Countryside Commission's review panel.

The Rural Development Commission. Annual Report 1990-1 (141 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3TP; £13.50)

Coal shed home for island workers

Unable to find a home on Scilly, young couples are improvising, says Ray Clancy

SHANE and Tina Guy live with their daughter Rachel, aged 13 months, in a wooden shed on the Isles of Scilly. For the past three years the hut has been their home.

Their neighbours, Tim and Sara Stone and son Benjamin, aged six, live in a former coal shed. They have installed electricity but have no running water. A smell of damp pervades. There is a microwave oven, a television and a plastic barrel for washing in.

Like an increasing number of young couples who have jobs on the islands, they cannot afford to buy even a flat. Prices are beyond their reach and the council's strict structure plan has effectively stopped further building. One-bedroom flats start at £85,000.

Island home: Sara and Tim Stone with their son Benjamin outside the former coal shed on the Isles of Scilly

The homeless people on the islands are not relying on state benefits; they have jobs and see no reason why they should leave. Instead, they have been using their initiative, persuading farmers to rent unused barns, turning sheds into makeshift homes with electricity and water.

Tim, aged 34, a postman, and Sara, aged 29, who was born on St Mary's and is a nurse at a home for the elderly, were told by the council when they arrived in February that they had little chance of being given a home. Evicted from their army house in Gosport, Hampshire, when Tim left the services, they had nowhere to go.

"We came to the islands because this is where I was born and we had family here," said Sara. "We thought we stood a good chance of being housed straight away because of Ben. The council said they could give us bed and breakfast in Penzance but what good is that to us? We have jobs here."

Andy and Sonia Stephan sleep on the floor of the lounge in Sonia's brother's small flat. They have well-paid jobs as a bank cashier and a self-employed fisherman. "The council told me I should get pregnant because that would give me more points on the ladder," said Sonia. "What a stupid thing to suggest. Who wants to start a family without a home."

The couples are highly critical of the council. "We have tried to kick up a fuss," said Sonia. "I have been on the waiting list for eight years and I have watched girls from the mainland arrive here to work for the summer, stay on, get pregnant and been given a house. Why should they get priority over us?

"The only solution is more houses. We would love to be able to build our own."

The Isles of Scilly council, which has the powers and duties of county, district and parish councils, is concerned at the impact on the environment. "We have a very special environment here and a very specific problem relating to water, which is under a severe strain in the summer months," said Philip Hygate, chief executive. "The situation is upsetting for the people of the community. But as a council we can do no more." He said the council's structure plan did not allow developments because of the extra strain it would place on the water supply.

Gardens purchase reunites Cragside

By PETER DAVENPORT

FORTY acres of formal gardens, described as the missing piece in the jigsaw of the Cragside estate in Northumberland, have been acquired by the National Trust.

The land, which contains 10 buildings, including a house, clock tower and a vast, glazed orchard house with stone terraces and rotating plant pots, was bought from a private owner for a substantial but undisclosed sum.

The trust accepted ownership of the main Cragside estate in 1977, including the 19th-century mansion by Norman Shaw which was once the home of Sir William Armstrong, the Victorian engineer and inventor. The house is thought to be the first to be lit by hydro-electricity. The formal garden and parkland were, however, retained and later sold into private hands.

When they recently came on the market the trust acted quickly to secure enough money to enter negotiations with the owner. The purchase of the formal gardens brings the 2,400 acre estate together again. Ian Tovey, the trust's agent at Cragside, said: "These are gardens clearly designed by an engineer; it is one of the aspects which makes this such a special property."

The formal gardens were laid out at the end of the last century away from the main house and were approached by a steel bridge across Debdon gorge on the estate.

Cragside Park Garden consists of 35 acres of parkland, three acres of formal gardens and two acres of walled kitchen garden. The gardens overlook Rothbury in the heart of the picturesque Coquet valley and have outstanding historical merit. The trust regards their acquisition as a fitting culmination to its Gardens Year.

Although the house is surrounded by a big rock garden with a cascade and wild plantings up the side of the crag, much of the newly acquired garden is severely geometric, with neat terraces alternating with ranges of glasshouses and a large walled kitchen vegetable plot. The lowest terrace was once an Italian garden, of unusual design for England in that it had glass sides but no roof and with a rose arbour as a centrepiece.

A short-term restoration programme will be carried out over the winter and the garden will open to the public next spring. Over the next two or three years the trust aims to repair as much of the glasswork as possible with a view to using the propagation house to provide tree and shrub replacements for the estate. A long-term ambition, if enough money can be found, is to use part of the walled garden to provide a working example of a Victorian kitchen garden.

Wildlife painting is stolen

A £60,000 oil painting by the wildlife artist David Shepherd has been stolen from a Birmingham art gallery in broad daylight. A thief walked into the Halcyon Fine Art Gallery and took the 20in by 30in painting, *Cool Waters*, from the wall.

Gallery staff last saw it at 3pm on Monday. Later an alarm went off and a routine check at 4.30pm disclosed that the painting had vanished. Paul Green, a gallery director, said it was likely that the painting was stolen to order.

Sellafield scare

An investigation has started at Sellafield after two safety doors were left open for a short time in a plant that puts high-level radioactive waste into blocks of glass. Nobody was exposed to radiation.

Peer banned

Lord Methuen was banned from driving for three years by Wooton Bassett magistrates for a drink-driving offence near his home at Corsham, Wiltshire.

Help for women

Oxford city council and the university colleges are to finance a night bus service for women undergraduates and local residents after a spate of sex attacks in the city.

Changing air

Checks by consumer protection officers found that more than a quarter of tyre pressure gauges at garages and tyre dealers in Yorkshire and Humberside are inaccurate.

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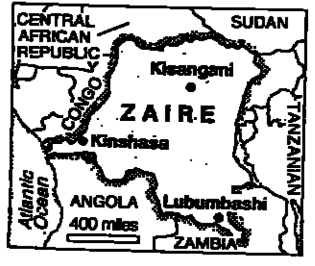
Paratroops fly into riot-torn Zaire to protect Westerners

By JOHN PHILLIPS AND SAM KILEY

FRANCE is to evacuate its citizens from Zaire. Hundreds of French paratroops were flown to the riot-torn country yesterday and took control of the airport at Kinshasa to protect Westerners from mutinying Zairean soldiers. Official sources in Paris said all of the 4,000 French citizens in the country would be flown out of Kinshasa and the southern cities of Kolwezi and Lubumbashi.

Earlier about 450 French troops were flown from bases in the Central African Republic. One company of about 150 men seized N'djili airport without encountering opposition. A regiment of Belgian commandos was also sent.



The French paratroops were flown into the neighbouring Congolese capital of Brazzaville, from where they crossed the river by ferry to Kinshasa, where there are about 3,500 French citizens. One French soldier was shot dead when the troops reached the capital's barricaded streets and at least one other was wounded. Another soldier was wounded during the river crossing.

French and Belgian troops have twice before helped President Mobutu Sese Seko to remain in power in Zaire. He may therefore believe that their return to Zaire will mean that he will once again feel safe enough to leave his floating residence on the Congo river and take control of a country that has been drifting without effective government since the beginning of last month.

But, as one Belgian diplomat jokingly said six weeks ago, at the beginning of the drawn-out national conference designed to write a new constitution which disintegrated on Monday, precipitating the mutinous military rioting: "I wish we could zoom up the river and sink the Camanyola [Mobutu's luxury yacht] with a rocket-propelled grenade". The French ambassador is in contact with President Mobutu and told him that what was happening was "linked to the social and economic degradation of Zaire".

Almost all foreign aid to Zaire, including American money that was used for 26 years to prop up President Mobutu as a bulwark against communism in the region, has been cut off. Given their despair over the president's disruption of the national conference, and his apparent lack of interest in governing his country, the Belgian and French foreign ministries' insistence that the sending of their troops to Kinshasa is purely to protect foreign citizens rings true.

But the troops may find themselves unable to leave if they are sucked unwillingly into a policing role.

Family builder: Mia Farrow holding Sanjay, her sixth adopted child, in Hanoi after completing the adoption formalities

... and Sanjay makes ten

By DAVID WATTS

MIA Farrow left Hanoi yesterday with the latest addition to her family, a handicapped Vietnamese boy, aged five. Now the family numbers ten.

The addition of Sanjay, as Mia has incongruously named him, who has crippled legs and a sunny smile, brings the number of her adopted children to six. The former wife of both Frank Sinaura and André Previn is the natural mother of four more.

As yet there are apparently no plans for a Woody Allen film about the complexes of the Vietnamese capital, but Ms Farrow was straightforward yesterday about her need for more children: "I was looking for a handicapped child because I love being a mother and it is like being a mother plus."

The four oldest children are at college; the youngest, Satchel, aged three, accompanied Ms Farrow to Vietnam. Mr Allen, his father, is said to be excited about the new Vietnamese addition. The child joins two other Vietnamese the actress adopted during the Vietnam war.

Mr Allen, happily, is not called on to perform too many child-minding duties. The couple live in separate flats in New York but the children are cared for in Ms Farrow's, where a baby-sitter looks after them during the day. The actress takes over after hours. "I cannot think of anything I would rather be doing", she said.

Ms Farrow's new child was crippled by polio as an infant and abandoned in an orphanage. Vietnamese authorities had been "very helpful" in his adoption, said Ms Farrow, who has applied to adopt another handicapped child.

Marcos on tax charges

From ABBY TAN
IN MANILA

THE Philippines government yesterday charged Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady, with failing to pay $205 million (£118 million) in taxes in a move to force her home to face trial.

Prosecutors filed seven counts of tax evasion against Mrs Marcos, in exile in New York, for failing to pay taxes on her income as a cabinet official in 1985 and 1986, as well as on the estate of her late husband, Ferdinand Marcos, the former president. If found guilty, she could face up to 35 years' jail. The charge sheet said the Marcos estate was worth $341 million.

Her daughter, Imee Marcos Manotoc, and her son, also called Ferdinand, were also charged with tax evasion.

Blacks chill film fever

From JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

AS the popular black rap song says: "Don't believe the hype." Hollywood has proclaimed 1991 the year of the black director. *Boyz 'n' the Hood* and *New Jack City*, ghetto-pics directed by black film-makers, both took $50 million (£30 million) at the box office, despite violence at cinemas.

Jungle Fever, an inter-racial romance set in New York, made more than $30 million and, perhaps more to the point, earned its black director, Spike Lee, the chance to make a Hollywood blockbuster on the life of Malcolm X. Yesterday *The Washington Post* reported: "If anything, the summer's repertoire ... proved that at least the studios believe the public is ready to identify with black faces on screen."

But the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People has challenged the conventional wisdom in a study showing that blacks still suffer discrimination in the film industry. "African-Americans have traditionally been shut out, and our report shows they still are," said William Gibson, the association chairman. "We found that several factors have combined to produce this — nepotism, cronyism and racial discrimination."

Lee: directing blockbuster on life of Malcolm X

Its 30-page study found that only a handful of "African-Americans" hold executive positions with film studios and television networks, and no black studio executive has the power to approve production of a film or to hire or fire. Black performers are relegated to supporting roles, the report said, and black actresses "are becoming increasingly invisible on the movie screen".

Although blacks buy 25 per cent of cinema tickets, black-owned businesses fare badly in obtaining entertainment industry contracts. Of the recent cross-over success of black directors, the report says: "Many blacks in Hollywood feel this amounts to little more than a passing trend."

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Dreaming spires move to Japan

From JOANNA PITMAN IN KOBE

THOUSANDS of miles from the dreaming spires of Oxford, on a hillside overlooking the grey smokestacks of Kobe, some 160 miles west of Tokyo, 13 Japanese were yesterday formally enrolled as the first postgraduate students of St Catherine's College (University of Oxford) Kobe Institute, the closest that Japan has come to recreating an Oxbridge college on home ground.

The institute, built around an Oxford-style quadrangle and bearing more than a passing resemblance to the real St Catherine's, was officially opened yesterday by Prince Tomohiko of Mikasa, a cousin of Emperor Akihito, at a ceremony attended by an impressive turnout of St Catherine's luminaries, including Dr Brian Smith, the master. Kobe Steel, Japan's third largest steelmaker, has dashed off a cheque covering much of the two billion yen (£8.5 million) financial backing required by the project, and has had the institute built on its own land in the past year.

The ribbon-snipping rituals were performed to the swish of extravagant bows and the strains of *The Water Music* by Handel. Members of the Kobe police, bused in to guard the prince, watched in astonishment as flocks of Oxford dons, decked out in their subfusc, swept around the quad. Congratulatory messages were read in Japanese from Margaret Thatcher and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Britain's Oxbridge tradition has always been idolised in Japan as the pinnacle of erudition, history and scholarly excellence. Japanese who have never visited England have been known to spend hours pondering the merits of this college over that one.

There may not be punting at the Kobe institute, but two tons of brand-new English books have been flown in to line the shelves of the library, and students will sleep in beds and work at desks almost identical to those in undergraduate rooms at the real St Catherine's. The 13 Japanese students have each paid about £15,000, some personally and others through the courtesy of their employers, for the privilege of what one called "the famous Oxford experience".

They will be put through their paces for a year by six St Catherine's tutors, flown in to teach courses in English on European politics, business and society, all at Oxford university level. Those Japanese who complete the course will receive a Kobe institute diploma which will, according to a Kobe Steel spokesman, give them a clear advantage if they wish to apply for a place at Oxford itself.

Sokichi Kametaka, the president of Kobe Steel, has been elected a domus fellow of the college, an honour he shares with Melvyn Bragg, the author and television presenter, and Sir Patrick Sergeant, chairman of Euromoney Publications.

Dead-pan humour at its deadliest.

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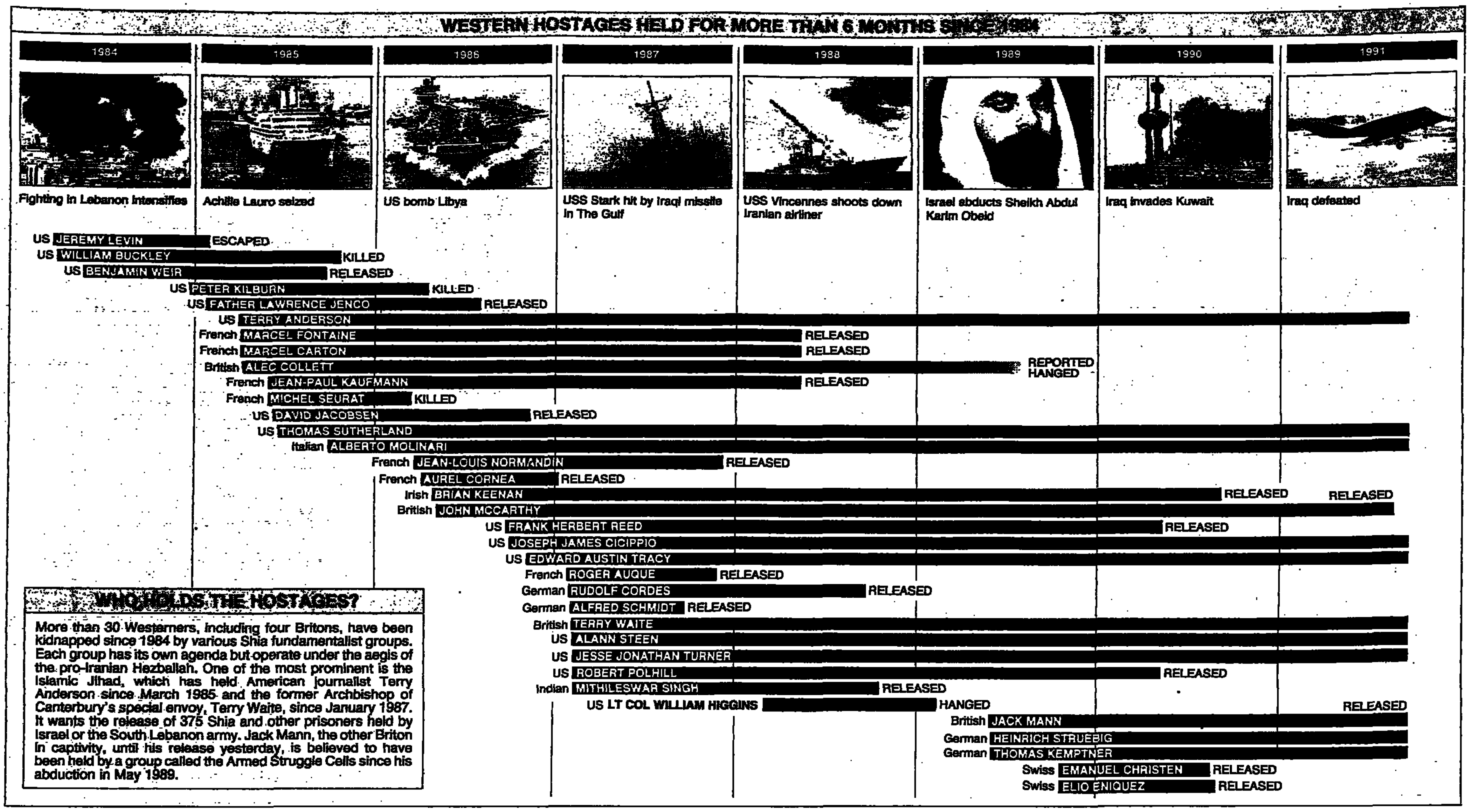

WHO HOLDS THE HOSTAGES?

More than 30 Westerners, including four Britons, have been kidnapped since 1984 by various Shia fundamentalist groups. Each group has its own agenda but operate under the aegis of the pro-Iranian Hezballah. One of the most prominent is the Islamic Jihad, which has held American journalist Terry Anderson since March 1985 and the former Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Terry Waite, since January 1987. It wants the release of 375 Shia and other prisoners held by Israel or the South Lebanon army. Jack Mann, the other Briton in captivity, until his release yesterday, is believed to have been held by a group called the Armed Struggle Cells since his abduction in May 1989.

SYRIA

Assad revels in being cast as good guy

From ADAM KELLIHER IN DAMASCUS

THE delivery of Western captives at the Syrian foreign ministry has become a ritualised event of paying homage to Syria's authority in Lebanon and pandering to President Assad's desire to end his nation's pariah status.

Western ambassadors praised the Syrian leader for his personal role in getting the hostages extracted, and in the case of John McCarthy, the freshly freed man paid his respects to the president from a prepared statement hours after his release.

Certainly the support is deserved, given Syria's unremitting efforts to get all the Westerners home. Unlike Iran, Damascus has a longstanding rejection of hostage taking and, according to Western diplomats, has never given the kidnappers any backing. "Pure brownie points" is how one Western ambassador in Damascus explained what Syria hoped to gain. "They're revelling in this whole thing. For once they are the good guys."

Given the mood of slighted national virility that surrounds the hostage issue in the United States, Britain and Germany, Syria's role of being a good cop is a fairly low stakes way of getting a very good press. Many Lebanese believe the vast numbers of Syrian secret police stationed in Lebanon ensure that President Assad knows exactly where all the hostages are.

However, an abortive mission to free the captive Westerners could end in their deaths and infuriate Iran, which is funding the Hezbollah organisation to which the various kidnap groups are believed to belong. Syria's sway over Iran, its ally against Iraq, will always be crucial in any further releases.

But Syria has deeper reasons than publicity for wanting to permanently close the hostage portfolio. President Assad's shrewd realisation that the demise of the Soviet role in the Middle East meant Washington was the power to court was more than proven by the *Gulf war*.

His nation's reorientation from being the vanguard of Arab radicalism to its current policies of national pragmatism are fuelled by a hunger for Western capital, technology and military material to revive a moribund economy. Helping get the hostages home, or destroying drug crops in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley can only give Syria a more respectable status that it hopes will prompt Washington to start giving aid or at least stop blocking financial assistance from such institutions as the World Bank.

ISRAEL

About-face raises hopes for the nine left behind

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE freeing of Jack Mann in Beirut last night after more than two years in captivity has put the complex hostage release plan for the Middle East back on track and raises hopes that the nine remaining Westerners, including Terry Waite, the Church of England envoy, will also be on their way home soon.

The plan was put together by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United nations secretary-general, after a series of diplomatic contacts with hostage negotiators in Israel and Iran, the two states which will play the key role in the success or failure of the next stage in the hostage bazaar.

Although details of the exchange process have remained secret, Mr Mann's release has set a pattern that would eventually lead to the release of the Western hostages, some 350 Shia Muslim detainees held by Israel, and six Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon, one of whom is thought still to be alive.

Last month, a pro-Iranian kidnap group in Beirut freed John McCarthy and the American book seller, Edward Tracy, as a signal to the West that it was serious about bringing an end to the hostage stalemate. The releases opened the way for negotiations conducted through the UN between the principal parties. Earlier this month, Israel received concrete evidence about the fate of two missing Israeli soldiers, Private Yossi Fink and Private Rachamim al-Sheikh and, in return, the Israeli authorities ordered the release of 51 prisoners from its notorious detention centre at Khiam in southern Lebanon and repatriated the bodies of nine Lebanese killed in action against Israeli forces.

Pérez de Cuéllar: behind masterplan for release

Subsequently, the body of an Israeli sergeant, Samir Assad, was returned to Israel for burial and in exchange a deported Palestinian, Ali Abu Hillal, was allowed to return to his home in the West Bank.

The speed and success of the hostage release mechanism after so many years of deadlock staggered Middle East observers until the plan ran into problems with the group holding Mr Mann. Last week, the so-called Revolutionary Justice Organisation announced that all hostage releases were indefinitely frozen because Israel had failed to honour its commitments and reneged on an agreement for the freedom of 80 prisoners.

The move was not only a blow to Mr Mann's wife, Sunnie, and the relatives of other hostages, but also to those involved in the exchange system who believed they had a viable process. "These are the rules of the hostage bazaar," said one senior Israeli, closely connected to the negotiations. "You must have steady nerves and stick to your guns."

It is now expected that the next step will occur between Israel and the Iranian-backed fundamentalist group Hezbollah, which is likely to arrange a further exchange of information on Israeli soldiers, or possibly the bodies of dead servicemen, in return for additional prisoners' releases from Khiam. The process is a step-by-step operation which could take weeks to complete and the main prisoners. Mr Waite, the Hezbollah cleric, Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, and Captain Ron Arad, an Israeli air force navigator, will probably be the last to be set free.

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KIDNAPPERS

Iranians and UN exerted influence

By ADAM KELLIHER

THE Revolutionary Justice Organisation, which held up the release of Jack Mann because of alleged Israeli "obstruction", said the change of mind had been brought about by "immense efforts to salvage the situation" by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, and other intermediaries.

The kidnappers said the UN envoys had displayed a high degree of "diplomatic finesse" in tough negotiations and Mr Mann would be freed as a "contribution to the current efforts and a prelude for ... the the closure of the file of the *prisoners and the hostages*".

The change of heart may have had more to do with an internal power struggle within the group, or from renewed pressure from Iran, which funds the Hezbollah organisation to which the various factions of hostage-holders are believed to belong.

Ali Mohammad Besharati, Iran's deputy foreign minister, said in an *interview* in the *Tehran Times* yesterday that all Western hostages in Lebanon would be released by January. Mr Besharati, who is considered a key mediator on the hostage issue, accused Israel of trying to block talks aimed at securing the release of the nine remaining Westerners, six missing Israeli personnel and more than 300 Arab prisoners held in Khiam jail in southern Lebanon.

But "by January, all hostages ... will be able to go home".

CYPRUS

Modest Mann 'will stay out of the limelight'

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

ACCORDING to old friends, Jack Mann, a former RAF Battle of Britain pilot, will be embarrassed if too much attention is paid to him when he arrives in Cyprus, where his wife, Sunnie, has set up a new home after leaving Beirut.

"He is very proud of his RAF service, but he is a very modest fellow, and I do not think he will like too much fuss", Hector Munro, who has known him since 1965 when they worked together for Middle East Airlines, said.

Mrs Mann has chosen Cyprus as a base, she says, because "Jackie hates the weather in Britain" and because they have many friends, such as Mr Munro, in the island. Mr Mann will enjoy all the other things he loves about Britain that are readily available in Cyprus, although he is expected to steer clear of the local cuisine.

"Jackie likes his bacon-and-eggs breakfast, and his steak-and-kidney pud for lunch, with a pint of bitter. He will get them all here. I often wondered how he got on in captivity because he loathed Arab food," Mr Munro said. Mr Mann likes pottering round the garden but has few hobbies, he added. "He would be a very difficult man to write a biography about."

If Mr Mann does venture out in Cyprus, he is expected to frequent quiet expatriate haunts such as the John Odgers pub in the old heart of Nicosia, or the officers' mess at the RAF base at Akrotiri. "He is not much of a pub man, even though he ran one in Beirut", Mr Munro added.

When he does go for his lunchtime drink, however, Mr Mann will demand the same high standards as he set when he ran the Pickwick Bar in Beirut after retiring from the Lebanese airline. Customers who stepped out of line, whether they were foreign correspondents or gun-toting militiamen, received a sharp rebuke, although he was popular with almost everyone. "I remember complaining when my order for pie was taking ages to come through, and he banned me", a journalist now based in Nicosia said.

As well as the old friends he regularly visited in Cyprus to escape Lebanon's civil war, there will be the new ones made by Mrs Mann in the island in his absence, among them diplomats from the British high commission and foreign correspondents who have helped her over the months.

Pride of place in the new home in Nicosia will be given to several plaques awarded to Mr Mann for his heroism during the Battle of Britain. Mrs Mann brought them back from Beirut on Saturday.

EXPATRIATES

RAF hero symbolised Beirut's die-hard breed

By RICHARD BEESTON

IN THE tiny expatriate community of Beirut, Jack and Sunnie Mann epitomised the usually eccentric, often romantic and always stubborn set of adopted Beirutis who had long ago made up their minds never to leave.

Outbreaks of fighting came and went and the once beautiful Mediterranean city rapidly disappeared under piles of rubble and uncollected rubbish, but the Manns carried on as though nothing had happened. Nobody in the city symbolised the defiance of the civil war more visibly than Jack Mann.

He had chosen to spend his retirement as a pilot at Lebanon's Middle East Airlines and running the implausible-sounding Pickwick pub in Beirut's once fashionable Hamra district. It was an area long since abandoned by the cosmopolitan prewar elite and now inhabited, like much of the rest of the city, by those too poor, too old or too proud to flee.

Unluckily for him, however, and many of the other haggard faces of professors, priests and journalists whose Polaroid photographs so frequently appear in the press, the reality of Beirut finally caught up when he was taken hostage in May 1989 after more than 40 years of loyalty to Lebanon.

"We both loved it here," Sunnie Mann said recently. "You could have gone a million miles without finding such a lovely place to live."

Wedding arch: Jack and Sunnie Mann, flanked by a guard of honour of his RAF comrades, after their 1943 marriage in Croydon

Civil war in Lebanon prepared pilot for rigours of captivity

The Battle of Britain pilot who ran a tough Beirut bar felt he was immune to kidnappers, **David Watts** writes

JACK Mann was a familiar figure in west Beirut with his flamboyant handlebar moustache and the stories of the six Spitfires shot from under him during the war.

He had spent half his 77 years under the spell of the eastern Mediterranean, staying on after he retired as chief pilot of Middle East Airlines in the 1960s. While he managed the Pickwick Bar in the Marble Tower Hotel, his wife, Sunnie, taught riding near a Palestinian refugee camp.

Chris Drake, Cyprus-based head of the Memo news agency, said: "He ran a tough bar, but you had to with the civil war going on and gunfire all around. He stood no nonsense, either from gun-toting militiamen or from members of the media. He was a tough guy but even his acerbic tongue didn't keep us away."

The couple were part of the Beirut scene; two elderly people who contributed to local charities and got on with their lives away from the frenetic and byzantine politics that flourish in the rich mélange of nationalities and ideologies. Mrs Mann once said of her husband: "He thought he was immune. He had no intention of leaving, even though the threat of kidnapping was worse than that of being run over by a tank."

Then on May 12, 1989, Mr Mann left his flat to draw money from the bank and have a drink at his local pub, The Captain's Cabin, a route he took every day. He never returned and his car was found abandoned a couple of days later, with the key broken in the lock.

Within hours, a group calling itself the Armed Struggle Cells claimed it had kidnapped a Briton. In exchange for his freedom they demanded there be a trial in England for those imprisoned in connection with the case of a Palestinian cartoonist shot dead in London in 1987. The demand made little sense: the British insisted that nobody was being held

There had never been any evidence that the Armed Struggle Cells were holding Mr Mann. Only this month did the Revolutionary Justice Organisation claim responsibility for the abduction and send a photograph of Mr Mann to a Beirut newspaper to authenticate its claim.

Many never expected Mr Mann to survive, and those who know the couple say the brave public persona that Sunnie presents is a reflection of her gutsy husband. Mr Drake said: "Those two years before he was taken were very good training, with no water and no air conditioning, having to carry water up the stairs to their apartment."

Mr Mann is one of those British expatriates whose lives have led them to extended periods in foreign lands that become places of permanent but voluntary exile: he would never have felt at home in Britain and, besides, all his friends were in Beirut.

The Manns were used to adversity: Mr Mann had been treated continuously for the burns he suffered during the war. Their apartment had been bombed and he had survived a blast in the Pickwick which killed two people.

Dutch federalist blueprint adds to British objections on EC political union

Draft treaty reveals further obstacles

Dutch proposals go too far towards a united Europe for Britain's liking, **George Brock** writes from Brussels

THE Dutch government's new draft of the European Community's treaty on "political union" throws up two obstacles which may stop Britain signing the document at the Maastricht summit in ten weeks' time.

Britain is not the only government which will object to the treaty, which goes further towards a united states of Europe than the Dutch cabinet had led many to believe. Britain has always registered more objections to the proposals and will continue to do so. The Netherlands, which has been struggling to resolve internal divisions on these issues, holds the rotating presidency of the EC until the end of the year.

The key battle in the last lap of negotiations will be over the structure of the treaty. This anodyne codeword conceals an explosive issue about the distribution of power between Brussels and individual states. Governments have been trying to define which issues should be handled inside the EC and which require separate systems based on co-operation.

In the draft treaty prepared by the Luxembourg government in June, the proposed "union" was to be split into three: the procedures set up by the EC founders and two others. Foreign policy and criminal justice were to be dealt with under intergovernmental procedures and the European Commission was to be kept at arm's length. While more EC laws are likely to be agreed by majority voting. decisions on foreign policy and criminal justice would require unanimous consent.

The plan was designed by France, leading a minority which did not want to see all decisions under the EC's roof. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that he thought this was an important negotiating victory and a vital safeguard in any new treaty. The Dutch have now united all decision-making while writing in exemptions for foreign policy and criminal justice. But this compromise will be too weak for Britain and is unlikely to satisfy the French.

On the EC's defence role, the Dutch draughtsmen have opted for wording which will reassure Britain. Plans for EC armies must be judged, the new text says, by their compatibility with the exisiting alliance with America.

Yesterday's proposals also suggest a vast increase in the European parliament's powers while retaining proposals for widening the scope of majority voting. Most EC decisions have to be unanimous except in 1992 single market laws, agriculture, and health and safety. If the Dutch text were agreed as it stands, about three-quarters of all decisions in the EC would be taken by weighted majority vote, which stops a single state from blocking a decision.

The Dutch propose that on all subjects where majority voting would apply, the European parliament would wield a veto. The text further suggests that on four topics, the parliament should carry increased weight with the policy-making commission and ministerial councils in an intricate co-operation procedure. British negotiators have always believed that something will have to be done for the parliament since Germany is determined to beef up its powers. But the Dutch proposals are nowhere near a compromise, if such a thing exists.

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Entente cordiale: John Major and Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, outside 10 Downing Street yesterday after their working lunch

Hague hopes for touch of glory as time runs out

By GEORGE BROCK

HAS The Netherlands mishandled its six-month presidency of the EC so far? The Dutch answer is a firm "no" – but time is running out for a successful end to the Dutch period in the chair.

"There shouldn't be any great surprise that the Dutch are keen on supranationality and European federalism," an EC diplomat here said. "They always have been. They were in at the beginning of the community, they're a small country and the small states have always seen supranationality as their protection against being bossed around by their bigger neighbours."

In predicting how the Dutch government would handle the massive responsibilities of steering the EC to a new political and monetary union treaty, forecasters listened to the hints coming from The Hague. The signals were mixed, but those from the prime minister, Ruud Lubbers, seemed conciliatory.

Mr Lubbers emphasised how keen he was to see all 12 EC leaders arrive at the Maastricht summit on December 9, ready to sign a treaty. So when a new draft text began circulating in European capitals three weeks ago, its federalist radicalism came as a shock.

Every EC country holds the presidency of the community for six months and supplies an endless procession of ministers and officials to chair debates. Fate has handed key roles to four men. The Maastricht summit will be chaired by Mr Lubbers. He soothed John Major last Wednesday, but on Friday chaired the cabinet meeting which passed the draft treaty which appeared yesterday and will be highly unwelcome to Britain. The Dutch foreign minister, Hans van den Broek, should be supervising the political union negotiations but is spending almost all his waking hours worrying about Yugoslavia.

The guiding hand on the treaty text at the moment belongs to his junior minister, Piet Dankert. The Dutch ambassador to the EC, Peter Nieman, completes the quartet.

Many meetings were cancelled while the Dutch government wrestled with its own divisions. Now almost half of the six-month Dutch presidency is gone. Mr Lubbers' time is short and his room for manoeuvre reduced.

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Havel acts to halt federal break-up

By ROGER BOYES AND GERARD DAVIES

ADDRESSING MPs yesterday in one of his toughest speeches, President Havel of Czechoslovakia, warned them that there could be no third way out of the country's constitutional dilemma: the choice was between a continuing federation or break-up into two independent states.

But changes could be effected within the existing structure, he said, and some institutions might be located outside Bohemia to dispel any feelings of "Prague centralism".

He emphasised the need for urgency in ratifying legislation allowing him to call a referendum on the issue in view of the constitutional requirement of a five-month gap between a referendum and a general election, which is scheduled for June. This gives the country until December 22 to set the machinery for a referendum in motion.

The quarrel between Czechs and Slovaks has reached boiling point and political horse-trading this week will determine if Thomas Masaryk's creation of a federation has any chance of survival or if the Slovaks, riding the tide of East European separatism, will try to set up an independent state.

President Havel recalled earlier warnings of the danger of renewed nationalist feelings and "legal chaos" which brought tens of thousands of people onto the streets of Bratislava, the Slovak capital, to hear calls for secession. "If we don't succeed in finding a solution to today's crisis I will have to take the consequences myself," he told the MPs.

Mr Havel believes that a referendum will cut away the ground from under Slovak national politicians. Opinion polls show that a majority of Slovaks favour continuing in harness with Prague. But the Slovak parliament is getting closer to pressing for an outright declaration of independence. A group of nationalist deputies is ready to present a draft of such a declaration within the next few days.

The radical separatists, the Slovak National party, have made common cause with the Movement for Democratic Slovakia, which is led by Vladimir Meciar, the former prime minister. Together they command about 50 deputies and demand not only a declaration of Slovak sovereignty but a separate constitution.

Public Against Violence, the Slovak equivalent of Civic Forum, favours a referendum. Together with some of the smaller parties, it can muster about 60 deputies. The balance therfore rests with the 31 Christian Democratic deputies of Jan Carnogursky, the prime minister, and 22 former communists.

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Sherry shortage looms

Madrid – The threat of sherry shortages increased yesterday as rain fell on the unharvested vineyards of Jerez de la Frontera in the midst of a strike by pickers and winery workers (Harry Debelius writes).

If the strike continues into next month, the production losses would become irreversible, said Juan Luis Bretón, director of the sherry wineries federation, adding that about half the grapes would remain unpicked, representing a loss of £16.4 million.

Hunger strike

Tirana – Two hundred former prisoners of Albania's stalinist labour camps entered the fourth day of a hunger strike in a sports stadium, demanding that their names be cleared of trumped-up political crimes. They have vowed to continue until the new democratic government compensates them. *(Reuter)*

Lenin offer

Helsinki – Aimo Minkkinen, director of the Lenin museum in Tampere, 100 miles north of here, says it is ready to offer a Finnish resting place to the founder of the Soviet state if he is evicted from the mausoleum in the Kremlin's walls. *(Reuter)*

Drive on crime

Odense – Gitte Andersen's driving test was interrupted by a masked bank robber who ran in front of her car. Her examiner, an off-duty Danish policeman, told her to give chase. They caught the robber, and she passed. *(Reuter)*

Arrest of East German spy chief puts justice in dock

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

Markus Wolf, the former East German spy chief who has been on the run from the federal authorities for almost a year, was arrested early yesterday morning on charges of treason as he tried to pass through a rural border post from Austria into Germany. He was taken to Karlsruhe in investigative custody.

Hans-Jürgen Förster, spokesman for the public prosecutor's office, said the former intelligence officer had intended to give himself up when he was arrested. But he denied that the authorities had promised him bail or other inducements in return for his willingness to face trial. "There was no deal," he said.

But sources believe Herr Wolf has been reassured that he will not be held in prison until his trial. More cynical voices suggest he has been told that no serious court case at all will be brought against him. The German authorities have yet to decide whether former East German spies can be tried for treason under federal law since their activities were approved by the state.

Herr Wolf has led the campaign for an amnesty and this is known to enjoy support in those Bonn circles who fear he would use the court as a platform to divulge embarrassing secrets about possibly undisclosed espionage triumphs over the West. But Klaus Kinkel, the justice minister, who as a former head of the West German counter-intelligence supervisory service is a sworn and embittered enemy of the former East German espionage chief, favours prosecution as "the only just way of dealing with a dirty past".

In what promises to be one of its most interesting cases for some years, the supreme constitutional court will have to decide whether a legal distinction can be drawn between the activities of Eastern and Western spies without infringing Germany's Basic Law, which guarantees equality before the courts to all Germans. Herr Wolf has made clear in correspondence with Alexander von Stahl, the federal public prosecutor, that he would not return to Germany "to spend the rest of my days behind bars". But his options have dramatically closed in since the failure of the Moscow coup.

Since he fled Germany on the eve of unification last year to avoid arrest, he has lived in Moscow. He enjoyed the good will and frequent company of the head of the KGB, Vladimir Kruchkov. Mr Kruchkov, however, is now under arrest for his part in the coup.

True to form, Herr Wolf promptly condemned the coup and turned his back on the Soviet Union. At the end of last month, he left Moscow for Austria and applied for asylum there.

Austria has previously tweaked Bonn's sensibilities by allowing Herr Wolf to spend the winter in his favourite resort, Kitzbühel. This time, however, the Austrians decided that they did not want to be stuck with him for good.

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President of Georgia attacks 'nest of bandits'

From CHARLES BREMNER IN MOSCOW

ZVIAD Gamsakhurdia, the president of Georgia, imposed a state of emergency on his troubled republic last night and called on supporters to mobilise to defend his government against opposition demonstrators and the rebel national guard. He said in a radio announcement: "All of Georgia, come to Tbilisi to liquidate this nest of bandits!"

Tension has been growing in Tbilisi for weeks as opposition reformers have staged vigorous protests against the increasingly autocratic rule of Mr Gamsakhurdia. Their rebel guardsmen have been defending the Tbilisi television centre which has been seized by the opposition.

Earlier yesterday, the president's opponents demanded an emergency session of parliament to avert armed conflict. Meanwhile north of Georgia in Zheleznovodksk, a Russian border town, Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, persuaded the warring sides in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan to end hostilities and start peace talks.

Mr Yeltsin's apparent success, which underlined the ebbing authority of President Gorbachev, followed three days of shuttle diplomacy in which he and Nursultan Nazurbayev, the president of Kazakhstan, made it clear to the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan that the inter-republican effort was the best and possibly last chance for the Transcaucasian states to solve their disputes. However, hours after Mr Yeltsin announced what he called his historic agreement, new skirmishes were reported from the Armenian dominated enclave in Azerbaijan.

The accord, reached after a day of stormy talks, calls for a ceasefire, the exchange of prisoners and negotiations between the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia. It made pointed reference to the fact that "the central authorities of the USSR have been unable to work out and implement effective measures to normalise the situation in the region".

President Gorbachev, whose Soviet Union is deemed defunct by all republics except Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenia, had tried to solve the feud by imposing central Soviet rule on the enclave. After the talks Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian leader, said that a solution to the conflict had been long delayed "because the central authorities had claimed the role of mediator".

However, it was clear that central Soviet power played a role in convincing the Caucasian sides where their interests lay. General Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the defence minister, was reported by Soviet agencies to have threatened to withdraw the protection of Soviet forces immediately if the parties did not show willingness to compromise.

While tension was easing in the Nagorno-Karabakh region yesterday, the central Asian republic of Tajikistan witnessed further confrontation between thousands of democratic and Muslim protesters and forces loyal to the ruling Communist party.

Federal planes hit town

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

CROATIA accused the Yugoslav armed forces of a major ceasefire violation yesterday, saying that federal warplanes had bombarded a key town.

If confirmed, the attack on the eastern Croatian town of Vinkovci would be the worst infringement since the ceasefire halted most fighting between the Yugoslav army and Croat forces on Sunday. The local police chief, Petar Biocic, said waves of aircraft attacked for five hours.

However, Branko Salaj, the Croat information minister, said that the ceasefire was holding generally. Earlier, Croatia had its quietest night in weeks, despite incidents on several fronts.

As the fighting waned in Croatia, Muhammad Cengic, a senior official in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said the arrival of thousands of Serbian reservists had pushed his republic to the verge of catastrophe. The leadership has been trying to convene the Yugoslav state presidency.

If Serbs in Bosnia push ahead with setting up autonomous regions, the republic's Muslims and Croats would almost certainly unite against them.

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Paying for news in lives and blood

The Yugoslav war has become much more dangerous to report than Vietnam, **Christopher Walker** writes from Zagreb

With eleven journalists killed in three months, at least as many wounded and three still missing, the undeclared Yugoslav civil war has proved more dangerous for representatives of the media than Vietnam, where 17 journalists lost their lives between 1965 and 1968.

Accusations of bias are routinely made by Serbs and Croats against Western media organisations, but unprovoked attacks against newsmen have made it extremely dangerous to report both sides of the war.

One who tried, Herman Tertsch, of *El Pais*, with a party of Italians and Spaniards, was threatened with execution after taking up a telephone invitation from a Serb commander to visit a village he controlled. They were saved only by the intervention of federal army officers, but had their car and electronic equipment confiscated.

"They accused us of spying for the Croats," Tertsch said. "I really thought I was going to be shot dead. I am never going to drive across the lines again."

Although the fighting has attracted the inevitable gung-ho photographers, who take risks most would consider unnecessary, two of the dead were experienced and highly respected foreign correspondents, Egon Scotland, of *Süddeutshe Zeitung*, shot in his car and Pierre Blanchet, of *Nouvel Observateur*, blown up by a mine.

Despite the absence of any chemical warfare threat (the Croatian government has alleged, but not yet proven, one exists), the war is much more unnerving to report than the Gulf. The only information about the safety of roads comes from jumpy and frequently drunk militiamen and is often out of date within minutes.

Press vehicles are plastered with national flags, fluorescent press and television stickers and other bizarre attempts to convey neutrality, but to little avail. "I have never known a war with so many close calls," said Tony Ashby, veteran war photographer for the *West Australian*.

Two Spanish reporters with a questionable sense of humour wear target boards on their backs with a red blob in the middle, while local shops are doing a roaring trade in white T-shirts overprinted back and front "Don't shoot".

The Croatian information ministry has accused the Chetniks of deliberately targeting journalists in order to stifle news about the war. "The logic of this policy is hard to fathom, but there is ample proof it exists."

Foreign news teams covering the war have also been subjected to repeated seizures of cars and equipment by Serbian militiamen.

Rich seams: Bulgarian miners celebrating in Sofia yesterday as they ended a strike after only seven hours, accepting a government offer which more than doubles their pay

Pankin urges West to speed Moscow aid

New York — Boris Pankin, the new Soviet foreign minister, used his first meeting with President Bush yesterday to appeal for large-scale economic help from the West (Martin Fletcher writes). Mr Pankin urged America, the European Community and the G7 leading industrial nations "not to wait and see how things develop in our country". Insisting that the Soviet Union had made its choice and was implementing profound reforms, he argued that the West should already be providing humanitarian relief and medium-term help in the form of loans and credits. Aid to the Soviet Union was the main topic of the New York meeting, but Mr Bush made no commitments. The president said afterwards that no specific "price tag" or aid package had been discussed. He had told Mr Pankin that America wanted to send food, medicine, and other humanitarian assistance but he had reiterated his administration's view that additional aid depended on the Soviet Union beginning to implement radical economic reforms. In spite of growing pressure from abroad, there is no domestic constituency for large-scale American aid.

Bread shortage looms

Vienna — Bulgaria needs an extra million tonnes of wheat to ensure adequate bread supplies this winter, the government has been told. This year's wheat crop totalled 4.3 million tonnes, a million less than the previous year. Two million tonnes of wheat is needed for food; the rest is used for sowing or fodder or is sold to private farms. The government, which has decided to subsidise grain purchases, may need to import grain. "There is also a possibility of importing grain," the Bulgarian news agency said. The final decision will be made in about 10 days after studying import prices and transport expenses.

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Where the grass is greener

Working mothers: if you want to be catered for should you move to the Continent? Alice Thomson reports

Perrine Herbau wants to stay in France, her husband, Matthew Fletcher, would like to move to Britain. Their argument is not over the baguettes, the relatives, or even his job; it is over the childcare service.

"Your system is atrocious," Miss Herbau says. "In France we have free childcare and proper maternity leave. All my girlfriends work. If we moved to London I would have to stay at home all day or waste all my salary on a nanny. I would dread getting pregnant again because you seem to expect women to give birth and be back in the office in a week. And your education is so unbalanced. In France it is quite easy to find a good state school. In Britain a young child can cost you £7,000 a year if you want him to have a proper education. No, I don't think we will move."

Miss Herbau, is a consultant with a pharmaceutical company. Her husband, who is British and a financial journalist, admits there seems little point in returning to Britain while their two children are small. "The French crèche system works so well and I can't imagine us both not working full-time, so until they are old enough I think we will stay," he says. "The life is more relaxed, I can take the children to the crèche before I go to work and we are both back in time to play with them before they go to bed."

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) today publishes its annual report on "Women and Men in Britain in 1991" and for the first time it has included statistics from the rest of Europe. The results make Britain look decidedly unpalatable for other European women and might make British women decide to leave after 1992 and the single market. Women in Britain now make up a higher proportion of the workforce than in any other country in the European Community, except Denmark. Yet the earnings gap between men and women is wider than in any other EC country, more women work part-time, free childcare facilities for the under-threes are virtually non-existent compared with Denmark, France and Germany and maternity rights are more restricted than anywhere else in the community.

Joanna Foster, the chair of the EOC, lived in France for several years with her children and says she was shocked on returning to Britain by the lack of support for mothers who work outside the home. "We may be competitive economically but our report shows that there are still major barriers to be overcome in Britain before we can compete socially. Parental leave, childcare, working hours and part-time work should be vital issues . . . If Britain does not do something to reverse its position we may begin to lose our women workers."

Next month the government will launch an equal opportunities drive by leading British companies to achieve a balance of male and female employees within a decade. Peter Moss is the coordinator of the European Childcare network, an EC body established in 1986 to monitor provision in each member state and recommend change. He, like others concerned with working mothers, does not believe that this new initiative will address the real issues. "Britain will remain at the bottom of the European childcare league unless some major re-thinking is done. The government needs to produce a green paper on care of children instead of treating it as a personal problem. Every other European country puts children and women higher up on the state agenda," he says.

The government is also coming under pressure from the EOC, which is producing an equality agenda it wants adopted by all the political parties. "We have come up with guidelines on equal pay, extended maternity leave and a national childcare strategy," Ms Foster says. "If the government wants to keep women in Britain and attract other Europeans it will have to act fast."

The French, spurred by their declining birthrate, have long had a policy of state help for working mothers. In Britain, only 2 per cent of under-threes and 35 per cent of three to five-year-olds receive state funded childcare, mostly on a part-time basis. In France, 95 per cent of three to five-year-olds can attend state crèches and most families can also use a state crèche for under-threes. Junior schools offer after-school activities for children and there is tax relief on childcare for those without state help.

Kay Carberry, the secretary of the equal rights department at the TUC, believes that only professional women with marketable skills will have the opportunity to take advantage of child benefits on the Continent. "Most women will have to follow their husbands, who are more likely to be the major earners. Few women have the language skills to move," she says. But she hopes that 1992 will throw into relief the fact that other EC countries invest more in their families. "It is extraordinary how unaware women are of what is going on in other countries," she says. "Here we accept that if we want to continue in a job when we have children we will just have to pay for it with day-care centres and au-pairs. In Denmark, men and women believe that it is their right to have free childcare throughout their children's education."

Mary Stewart-Hunter, the planning director for the advertising agency, Lowe, Howard and Spink, works a ten-hour day, sometimes staying at the office until midnight, and has a nanny for her child. "I don't think I would move now because it would be difficult for my husband and I to find satisfying jobs in the same place, but I do feel seriously disaffected by the lack of concern," she says. "I provide a high standard of work, but not only do I have to pay for childcare, I have to pay for it out of taxed income."

At the Gingerbread group, a national association for one-parent families, Radiance Strathdee, the policy officer, believes that many single women will want to move to the Continent after 1992. "I have thought about it and so have others in the group," she says. "With a couple it is difficult because both of you need to find jobs. The only thing holding them back might be losing the family support system — but many don't have that, anyway."

Helping hands: small children in the rest of Europe are given a comprehensive system of care

How to score in Hollywood

If you have seen the film, Hans Zimmer has probably written the music

What do the films *Black Rain*, *Rain Man* and *Days of Thunder* have in common? Nothing immediately springs to mind other than a weather motif. But a more significant, if less obvious, quality is a distinctive credit: music by Hans Zimmer.

Mention any Hollywood film of the past few years and the chances are that Mr Zimmer has written the score. His credits include *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Green Card*, *Pacific Heights*, *Backdraft* and *Regarding Henry*, the new Mike Nichols film. There are countless others on his list.

The man is not yet 35.

Mr Zimmer works on about five films a year. (In 1988 he scored as many as 14.) For someone without any musical education he is doing very well. He was born in Frankfurt in 1957. His father, an inventor of "all sorts of dull things like very cheap nylon", apparently played the clarinet. His mother "ponced around" on the piano a bit, but neither was particularly musical. Even so, Mr Zimmer — considered a difficult only child — knew he wanted to be a composer from the age of six.

He was sent to a school for "duds" in the south of England at the age of 16. Today, home is wherever he happens to be. For the moment it is his best friend's spare room in Notting Hill. In a few weeks' time it will be Los Angeles again. Although he rents a house there he is a self-confessed gypsy. The women in his life find him elusive (he is separated from his wife, Vicki Carolyn, who lives in west London with their three-year-old daughter), even if they do get to flit about the globe with him. A recent girlfriend went with him to Australia, where he scored *Green Card*.

Mr Zimmer, who wears a denim jacket with the words *Thelma and Louise* embroidered on the back (no need to ask why), was introduced to films through his work in advertising. "In the 1970s I played in a series of very bad bands in various pubs up and down the A1," he says. "Then I slithered into writing for a glamorous jingle company called Air-Edel." He and his colleagues composed the music for cars, champagne, and banks, and were given tasks such as, "write the *sound* of an avocado".

"It was a good learning curve," he says. After two years Stanley Myers (who wrote the *Deer Hunter* score and worked at Air-Edel) called him and said: "Hans, do you want to do a film with me?"

"Yes," Mr Zimmer replied, and Mr Myers hung up. "The next thing I knew," he says, "he put me in a studio by myself with Nic Roeg." The film was *Eureka*, the director was "totally intimidating. In the story, Gene Hackman finds a mountain of gold. I asked Mr Roeg: 'What would you like there?' He looked at me as though I was a total imbecile and said: 'The sound of the earth being raped, of course.' At that moment I realised this was exactly what I wanted to be doing."

Mr Myers and Mr Zimmer collaborated on other scores. "As well as telling that part of the story which pictures and words can't, you're also dealing with maths," he says. "It's easy for an editor to cut frames, but less so for a composer to cut toes off a tune."

After *Eureka*, *A World Apart* and *My Beautiful Laundrette*, Mr Zimmer did some horror films on his own and "got very good at blood and guts and car chases, but they're the most boring thing in the world. I try not to do violent movies any more."

Hans Zimmer

> *'I try not to do violent movies any more'*

In 1988 Barry Levinson, the director, invited Mr Zimmer to do *Rain Man*. "There were no sex scenes, no guns, no car chases, and Hoffman had just been in *Ishtar*, the biggest flop of all time, but it wasn't *me* begging *them*" he says. So he went to Hollywood. His score was subsequently nominated for an Oscar.

"To Americans my name sounds like an ancient German who has paid his dues. When they found out I was 30 I didn't get it!" Even so, he has never been out of work since.

His tunes, he says, are romantic and emotional but not sentimental. They are timeless, too: his influences range from Mozart ("for simplicity"), Ennio Morricone (who wrote *The Mission* score), to the "old blues guys", Kurt Weill ("Twenties Berlin stuff"), and Sting ("I love what he does").

"People think I'm going to run out of ideas, but I've got ideas for the next four movies. I came here for a holiday but was bored after two days, so now I'm working on a new score for the director Franc Roddam."

CANDIDA CREWE

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The art of ages

THE Royal College of Art will hold its first antiques show next month, in association with the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association (Lapada). The show, from October 16 to 20 (admission £8, including catalogue), will feature lectures and seminars (£7 and £15 each). Further details: Lapada show office, PO Box 114, Haywards Heath, Sussex (0444 482514). On Friday, October 18, a day of lectures by Margaret Knight, the organiser of courses at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and Wellesley Clinton, the art and antiques expert, has been arranged jointly with *The Antique Collector* magazine. Readers who would like to participate in the day — which costs £39, including lunch, afternoon tea, and £7 worth of show and antique guides — should contact Samantha Harris at *The Antique Collector*, Eagle House, 50 Marshall Street, London W1V 1LR. Meanwhile, on October 2, the Duke of Devonshire will open the twelfth Park Lane antiques fair at the Park Lane Hotel, where pieces from his private collection will be on loan. The fair runs until October 7 (October 2 to 4, 11am-8pm; October 5 and 6, 11am-7pm; October 7, 11am-6pm). Admission costs £6.

Softly, softly

THE Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign, under the patronage of the comedian Spike Milligan, is a hush-hush movement for a quieter Britain. Next month its organiser, Val Gibson, will meet a representative of the environment department to put the campaign's case. Ms Gibson intends "to lobby Parliament, help educate the public to change their attitudes to noise, and bring attention to the health implications of living with noise nuisance". So if you are irritated by a neighbour's drilling, or raucous parties, or ear-shattering ghetto-blasters, you might be interested in adding your voice. Yearly membership is £5, life membership £25, and members will receive regular newsletters — on the quiet. Further details: Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign, c/o 83 Sydney Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 9RY.

Good cover-up

TWO of the season's fashion essentials are the oversized chenille sweater and the braid-trimmed, gold-buttoned, bouclé jacket. You can find the former for £35 (at Marks & Spencer) or £200 (at Joseph). Bouclé jackets can cost anywhere from under £50 at chain stores to well over £500 from a couture house such as Chanel. One of the best value examples is from the new Jake mail order catalogue, for £54.50 in a beige and black plaid. Write to Jake Mail Order, Freepost, London SE11 4BR, or telephone 071-735 7577.

Home help

UNIVERSAL Aunts should look to its laurels now that "Auntie Fay" has come to the UK. Auntie Fay is an American agency which supplies nannies, governesses, tutors, maternity nurses, housekeepers, cooks, chauffeurs, companions, secretarial assistants, butlers and estate managers to live in or out. "All are mature people who know what it's like to work 18 hours a day if necessary," says Fay McGrath, the agency's founder. Candidates are screened, personally interviewed, and references are verified, she emphasises. The British headquarters is at Royal Albert House, Sheet Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1BE (0753 831960).

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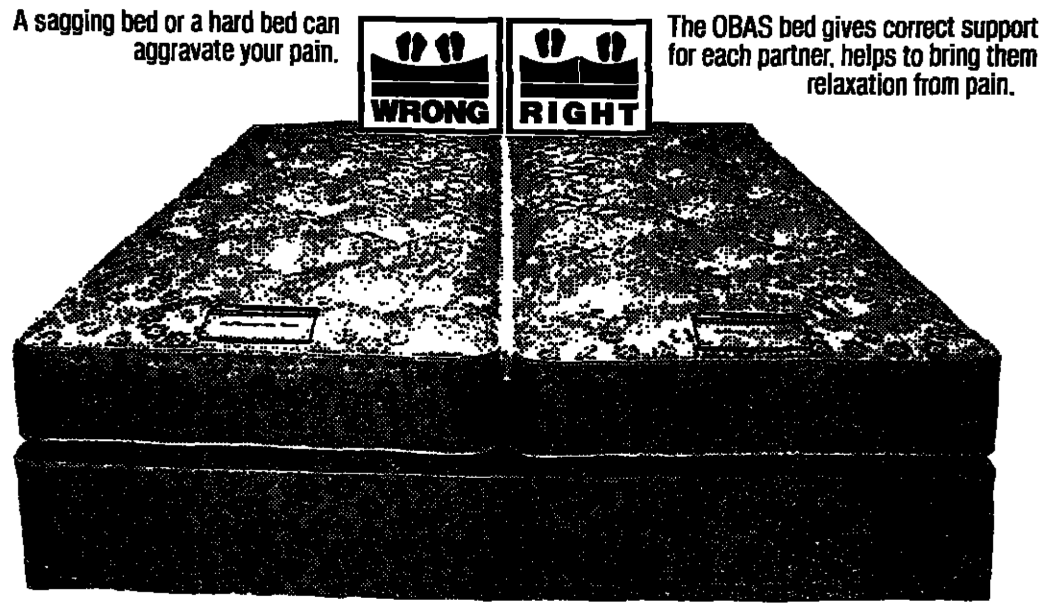

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LITERATURE

Acerbic journals of a journeyman

American travel writer Bill Bryson has now unleashed his pen on Europe, in *Neither Here Nor There*.

Clive Davis reports

Seasoned traveller and scourge of small-town America, Bill Bryson has set up home amid the winding lanes and dry stone walls of North Yorkshire. His house is not that hard to find, since it is the only one in the village with a basketball net in the driveway. Yes, an American lives here.

As for the village, that should remain anonymous for the sake of Bryson's security. He made his share of enemies with *The Lost Continent*, his sardonic account of a car journey across the United States. With his new book, *Neither Here Nor There*, he turns his acid tongue on Europe. Some nationalities — the Swiss and Austrians — come off worse than others.

Apart from the crackling one-liners, the key to his success is that he is so reassuring. Here is a travel writer who, finding himself alone in a strange city and unable to speak the language, appears just as incompetent and insecure as the rest of us. After plodding through all the museums in the guidebooks, he has every chance of ending his day nursing a runny nose in a McDonalds or watching a badly dubbed Western in his hotel room.

The real Bill Bryson, however, bears only a passing resemblance to the hapless misfit depicted in the books. The man described in *The Lost Continent* as "a slobby, overweight person with dusty shoes and tropical armpits" is, in fact, an accomplished journalist and the author of a much-praised history of the English language, *Mother Tongue*. His literary persona, he says, represents a reaction against a certain type of travel writer.

"They act as if they know everything. Nothing ever goes wrong; nothing ever throws them. They can describe all the architectural details, they know all the history, they assume you know who Charles the Headless was — all that kind of stuff — and then they quote long passages in French or Italian. The two writers who pull it off very successfully are Redmond O'Hanlon and Bruce Chatwin. You know they are very smart guys who know what they are talking about. They're not showing off. But with the others, I hate that kind of smugness, because anyone can swot up and make it look as if they know it all."

The Lost Continent was published in 1989. Bryson set the tone in his first line: "I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to." After ten years of expatriate life in England, Bryson had the idea of rediscovering his roots by driving across the United States, in a crazed loop from his home state of Iowa towards the east coast and then across to California. The book was a bravura performance, comical and poignant. Beneath the humour, Bryson was lamenting the parochialism of daily life, the blighting of the landscape and the trivialising influence of television.

Many American critics took offence. Bryson was amused to find that the harshest response came from reviewers in the big cities. "To me, the things I said about the people, myself and my upbringing, were so obviously exaggerated that any fool could see that they were not to be taken at face value. In places like Iowa, most people took the book in the spirit that I thought most Americans would take. They saw it as affectionate ribbing.

"But reviewers on the big papers on the east coast seemed to take offence on behalf of people who, in other circumstances, they would be sneering at. When they see Iowans come to New York, they're sneering into their handkerchiefs at these hopeless yokels. When I said similar things in the book I got attacked for being, you know, geographically racist."

Bryson settled in this country in 1977 and worked on a newspaper in Bournemouth before moving to the business section of *The Times*, and then *The Independent*. Though he had nurtured the ambition to write books full-time, he kept putting off the big decision until, one evening four years ago, he arrived home to find that his wife had lost patience and put their house on the market. The property was sold within 24 hours, and the couple moved to Yorkshire.

His other books include two specialist dictionaries (the latest, *The Penguin Dictionary for Writers and Editors* came out last month). Encouraged by the success of *Mother Tongue*, he is now embarking on a full-scale survey of American English. Another journalist, the great H.L. Mencken, has already covered the same territory, of course, but Mencken finished his classic study more than 40 years ago. *Mother Tongue* contained a refreshing amount of humour; it also took a cheerily undogmatic approach to that most contentious subject: grammar.

A crisp, conversational writer, Bryson clearly enjoyed provoking the traditionalists. He refused, for example, to make any fuss over split infinitives. Those who ban them, he wrote, "wish to cling to a pointless affectation of usage that is without the support of any recognized authority of the past 200 years, even at the cost of composing sentences that are ambiguous, inelegant and patently contorted".

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Bryson: a travel book about Britain should be the next step, but he is "leery" of writing about his hosts

Research on the new project will keep him occupied for the near future. The next logical step would be a travel book about Britain, but he admits that he is "leery" of writing about his hosts. In the meantime he is also in demand as a guest speaker. Readers of *The Lost Continent* naturally expect him to be a blond P.J. O'Rourke, spitting out wisecracks in all directions. Bryson is too shy for that.

"When my brother read the book, he said, 'God, I didn't know you were funny.' That's true. I'm not the kind of person who normally comes out with *bon mots*. "When I rehearse my after-dinner speeches, I often stand at the kitchen table, and then I'm terribly polished; the jokes just trip off my tongue. And then I go, and end up reading with the speech in front of my nose. I'm sure I'm a terrible disappointment. Let's put it this way: they never ask me back."

● Neither Here Nor There *is published by Secker & Warburg on Monday (£14.99).*

BRIEFING

Paradise refound

ONE of the world's great libraries reopens next Tuesday, after a two-year expansion and renovation programme which has doubled its size. Around $30 million (£17 million), nearly all raised from private donations, has been spent on extending and restoring the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, mainly by the purchase of adjacent property and the construction of a glass-enclosed garden court.

The library was built in 1906 to house the private collection of the financier and collector J. Pierpont Morgan; it became a public museum and research library in 1924. Its collection ranges from medieval illuminated books and the only manuscript of *Paradise Lost* to autograph scores of Mozart and Mahler symphonies.

Mozart in Bath

CHRIS Patten takes a break from those onerous "rallying the Tory faithful" duties on Sunday, to unveil a new statue of Mozart in his Bath constituency. The David Backhouse sculpture, a lifesize representation of Mozart as a child-violinist, has been erected in North Parade Gardens. It owes its existence to the deathbed wish of a rich woman, Mary Purnell, who left a legacy to commemorate Mozart in the city of Bath. The bulk of the funds has gone into underwriting a week-long "Mozartfest" in the Abbey and Theatre Royal, beginning on Saturday, with such luminaries as Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Aled Jones.

Mary Purnell: last wish

Last chance...

THE only worry, when the superb "Henry VIII at Greenwich" exhibition opened at the National Maritime Museum (081-858 4422) in the spring, was that visitors might find the image of the "merry monarch" that it presented disappointingly couth. No chicken bones over the shoulder, and relatively little about the complexities of Henry's married life. Instead, in celebration of the 500th anniversary of his birth, Henry is presented as a highly cultured early European, and a model Renaissance prince. Extended until Sunday.

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Matt Wolf examines the latest trend for international theatrical exchange, involving the Birminghams of Alabama and England

From one Brummie to another . . .

Theatrical exchanges between countries are always a vexed issue, subject to the dictates of Equity approval, varying audience expectations and a balance of quality which can be difficult to sustain. Theatrical "twinning" is even rarer: in recent years, several attempts at co-production between countries have collapsed at the starting gate. Seen in that context, this week's London opening of *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, an American play embarked on a British tour, makes history.

Billed as a collaboration between the two repertory theatres in Birmingham, England and Birmingham, Alabama, the play is the first step in what is hoped will be a larger collaboration, full of implications for the theatrical communities in both countries.

In May 1991, Alabama received England's staging of Stephen Lowe's *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist*, a pro-socialist piece that startled Alabama's well-heeled Southern patrons. England in return now gets an off-Broadway hit about Billie Holliday — less artistically daring than the Lowe, but nevertheless the sort of black American play which a British repertory playhouse might be reluctant to stage.

One would not expect the two Birminghams to have much in common — so all the more reason, say the theatres' artistic directors, to attempt such work in order that each Birmingham receive exposure to a theatre and, by implication, to a culture otherwise unavailable to it. Having opened in Alabama in May 1990 with an American creative team, the present production of Lanie Robertson's play arrives in London with one British cast member among its company of four, and a design scheme reconceived for, and executed by, Britons.

This "sharing of talent", as Alabama's artistic director (and *Lady Day*'s director) Martin Platt describes it, is what such "twinning" is about. He and his English counterpart, John Adams, hope it will lead to plays being decided upon by both theatres, rather than one theatre picking up what the other had already originated — an approach which Adams describes as the "they'll do all the interesting bits, but we'll build the set" model of collaboration.

Straight swap: *Lady Day*, the American production which opens tonight with Chris Calloway

The history of similar schemes is full of good intentions gone nowhere. The Royal Shakespeare Company's *1988* musical *Carrie*, directed by Terry Hands, was a real co-production — its 26-strong cast was composed equally of Britons and Americans — but its fate by now is notorious. Until the flop of *Aspects of Love* in New York earlier this year, *Carrie* was Broadway's costliest musical bomb.

The current West End production of *Our Town* was originally conceived as a joint project with Pittsburgh's public theatre, where director Robert Allan Ackerman had staged Thornton Wilder's play last December. The intention was for one joint Anglo-American company to present *Our Town* and Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* on both sides of the Atlantic. But the scheme fell through when producer Kevin Wallace lost sponsorship worth $300,000 (£170,000). Left with a director, Ackerman, but without a company, Wallace decided to go the star-vehicle route instead: the present staging, with Alan Alda, is a fully commercial venture, but Wallace will divert a percentage of any profits into his Anglo-American Theatre Project.

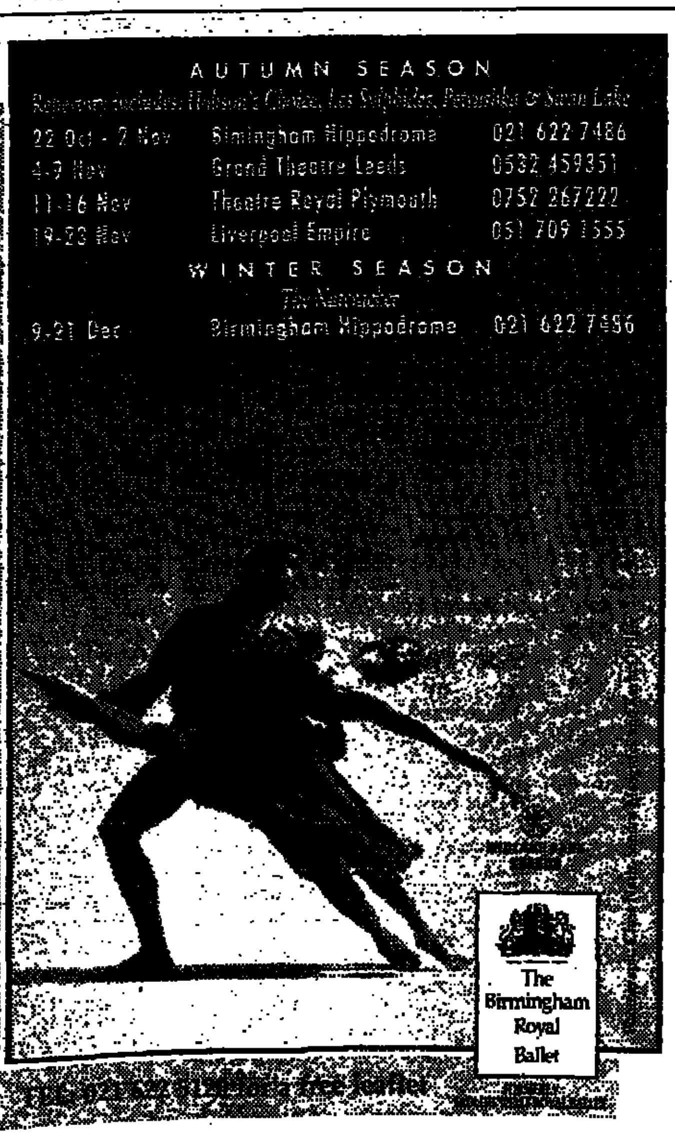
More common, of course, are straightforward exchanges of the sort that New York's Public Theatre and London's Royal Court have long effected: off-Broadway gets Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls*, *Fen*, and *Serious Money*; London gets the Vietnam drama *Tracers* and Thomas Babe's *Buried Inside Extra*.

A more exotic variation is presented by the Palace Theatre, Watford, and a theatre company in Watford's Russian "twin" city, Novgorod. The Novgorod Regional Theatre's adaptation of Dostoevsky's *The Devils*, performed in Russian, came to Watford in August, and the Palace's artistic director Lou Stein plans to tour an Arthur Miller play to Novgorod next year. In 1993, Stein wants to send a local writer to Novgorod to gather material for a play, with the idea that Novgorod would reciprocate by installing a writer in Watford.

Full co-production, though, is infrequent at best. But at least the two Birminghams have the blessing of the actors' union, Equity, whose labyrinthine rulebook could have been a potential obstacle to transatlantic exchanges. Says Rosie Brocklehurst, British Equity's press officer and spokeswoman: "This like-like reciprocal arrangement can only be good to expand the horizons of the artists themselves and for good cultural links between countries."

The artists agree. As Alabama's Martin Platt points out: "As artists, you always wonder whether anyone outside the community you work in can understand what you're doing, so here you have the excitement of being able to present work you believe in to an alien audience." But Platt is the first to admit he may have drawn the better straw. "It's certainly more glamorous for me to be in London," he says, "than for John to be in Birmingham, Alabama."

● Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill *opens at the Riverside Studios, London W6 (081-748 3354), tonight until October 12, before a nationwide tour.*



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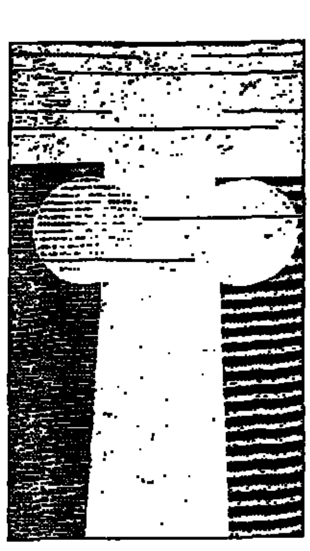
Fruits of a crafty move

THERE has been a sense of loss in Waterloo Place recently, as the Crafts Council has vanished from its old haunt, to be replaced temporarily by the Japan Festival. This month, however, it pops up again, resplendently rehoused in Pentonville Road. Though it is further away from the centre of London than its old haunt, psychologically it does not seem so, and its new premises, built as a nonconformist chapel and later a showroom for dental goods, suit it better than its rather awkward previous home.

All its facilities — from the lecture hall and workshops to the coffee shop and reference library — are ready to continue the Crafts Council's activities and further its purposes. But what, precisely, are they? Where do the crafts stand today, where do they begin and where do they end?

For its reopening exhibition, **Beyond the Dovetail**, the council has really squared up to these questions. A guest curator, Peter Dormer, believes that the council's view of what is and is not a craft is too open. Craftsmen themselves, he says, tend to be biased away from the idea of craft as skill and towards that of craft as art.



Useful? Sally Greaves-Lord's painted silk banner

The show therefore proposes to begin with the premise that a dental surgeon, a juggler and an AA patrolman all have their crafts, and exercise their skill. In industry also there is often strong craft input at some stage, and if we do not like a product, that is often not merely because it is machine-made, but because there is something wrong with the craft element in it: the design just does not work.

Having got that out of the way, the show tries to lay down, by example, some criteria for what may sensibly be regarded as good craft and what may not. How much usability does there have to be in a pot before it is craft rather than art? The pots of Elizabeth Fritsch, of which there is a small but beguiling display upstairs, are hardly usable; they are objects in their own right, occupying their own space, like a sculpture or a painting.

THE same applies to many of the pots exhibited downstairs: Steve Buck's, for instance, are surely sculptures in ceramic rather than pots in any normal sense of the term. Sally Greaves-Lord's hand-painted silk banner is beautiful, but how functional are banners anyway, and how does this differ, except in its basic material, from any other abstract painting?

The arguments can push backwards and forwards. To the council's credit, asking questions is more important a part of the purpose than providing definitive answers. It is open, certainly, in its views. Long may it remain so.

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Haughey: not quite dead yet

Conor Cruise O'Brien on a political upheaval threatening the Irish leader

C.J. Haughey is in deeper political trouble than at any time since 1983. That was the year in which his political obituary appeared in the *Irish Press*, the newspaper founded by Eamon de Valera, who was also the founder of Fianna Fail, the party which Mr Haughey leads. I found it hard to see, at the time, how Mr Haughey could survive that crisis, but I was at least more cautious than the *Irish Press*. I wrote: "I shall not believe that C.J. Haughey is politically dead until I see him buried at midnight at a crossroads with a stake driven through his heart."

This week I am still wearing a clove of garlic round my neck, but I have a comfortable feeling that I shall not be needing it much longer. This is a much fiercer storm than that of 1983, and a much more battered Boss is less capable of weathering it. The storm consists mainly of three huge and interacting financial scandals — known in shorthand as Goodman, Greencore and Telecom. These are all essentially "conflict of interest" allegations and all the central figures are persons who owe their appointments to Mr Haughey, of whom at least two are personal friends.

Haughey: beset by allegations of scandal

In addition to the three main scandals, and related public enquiries, there is a fourth matter, which touches Mr Haughey more closely. Dublin county council — that is to say, the Fianna Fail majority on the same — recently approved an extension of a sewerage line in north Dublin through land owned by Mr Haughey. The extension will vastly enhance the value of the land. It now appears that the extension was requested by one of Mr Haughey's colleagues, Padraig Flynn, the environment minister.

A cartoon on the front page of *The Irish Times* on Monday shows a system of pipes, with three feeders marked Goodman, Greencore and Telecom. The main line does a loop, and a bedraggled Mr Haughey is shown standing in the middle of the loop. The caption runs: "Controversial sewerage pipeline bypassing the taoiseach". The cartoon is illustrative of the prevailing mood, both of the public and of the media. In the voluminous coverage here of these events the government is getting a terrible press, and it is likely to get worse as the enquiries grind on and more facts emerge.

At the end of last week, the most conspicuous of Mr Haughey's golden boys, Michael Smurfit, chairman of Telecom, found himself obliged to admit what he had previously denied, that he has long held a 10 per cent stake in a property company now leasing an office block to Telecom Eireann. Mr Smurfit had previously sued a newspaper, the *Irish Independent*, for asserting what he now admits to be true. His position at the weekend was that he did not become aware, until last week, that he had for years owned the shares in question.

Up to the Smurfit admission, and justifications, which broke last Saturday, Mr Haughey had been affecting to treat the accumulating scandals with silent disdain. After Mr Smurfit's statements, that would no longer do. On Sunday, Mr Haughey was on RTE radio. The audience, including myself, listened intently: was it going to be "heads will roll" or "brazen it out"? It turned out to be a bit of both. Heads did not exactly roll, but they sort of slid a bit. The taoiseach paid fulsome personal tributes to the "impeccable" character and conduct of his endangered cronies, but suggested, none the less, that four of them should "stand aside" pending the outcome of enquiries. For the rest, he brazened it out; just media hysteria, he thought.

I was glad to see the word GUBU in the headlines over the weekend. I coined the acronym in 1982, from four adjectives which sprang to the lips of Mr Haughey when a person wanted for murder was arrested in the apartment of his attorney-general. The adjectives were "grotesque, unbelievable, bizarre and unprecedented". But Son of GUBU (1991) is more dangerous than his parent. The new GUBU allegations are about money, and their outlines are readily comprehensible. Some of the details impinge sharply. The board of Telecom Eireann, for example, has been paying for office accommodation at rates well above the market rate in Dublin. And the persons responsible for this generosity in the use of the taxpayers' money are also persons who will make money out of it themselves. And then there is the question of the sewerage extension into Mr Haughey's land.

Even at the height of his charismatic powers, Mr Haughey would have found it hard to survive such cancerous allegations. But Mr Haughey's charisma is sadly shrunken since the formation of his present government. He has achieved in his present term three sorry "firsts" for a Fianna Fail leader: he is the first leader to accept coalition with another party; the first to dismiss a deputy leader of Fianna Fail at the bidding of the leader of another party; and the first to lose a presidential election. Fianna Fail was heartily sick of him even before the exertions of himself and his friends brought down on them this avalanche of muck. Now the party has strong incentives to drop him in the muck, to save itself, and so have some of his own former cronies.

C.J. Haughey is not dead yet, but people are gathering at the crossroads and I can hear the sound of digging. They seem to be just waiting for someone to come up with the stake.

Robert Harvey on why Jack Mann's release helps clear the way for a wider Middle East settlement

Pawn in a bigger game

Another human pawn has been prised from the grasp of men with standards of humanity that have barely moved beyond the slave-bargaining of the Middle Ages. There was always a particular poignancy about the fate of Jackie Mann, held for no better reason than his refusal to leave Beirut, his family home for more than 40 years. Unlike Terry Waite or John McCarthy, Mr Mann cannot be said to have had even a peripheral involvement as a mediator or journalist in the Byzantine politics of Lebanon. The dignified despair of Sunnie Mann as she left Beirut four days ago after her hopes had once again been shattered by the kidnappers was as complete a condemnation of their behaviour as anything that has emerged from the region in recent times.

There seems little comfort — other than humanitarian — to be drawn from this sad affair. The fate of a handful of innocents in Lebanon has always seemed overblown when compared with the immense difficulties affecting the Middle East: indeed the media has been blamed for exaggerating their importance and adding to their value for terrorists.

Yet this is to underestimate the significance of hostage-taking as a political weapon in the Middle East. As the seizure of thousands of Westerners in Iraq last year demonstrated, countries there can resort to hostage-taking as a direct instrument of state policy when the stakes are high enough.

In Lebanon's case, the drip-freeing of hostages over the past few weeks is significant for two reasons: first, it marks a further move towards dialogue between Israel and the most intransigent Arab states, in particular Syria, which is believed to have played a role in the hostage talks; and second the releases show more clearly than ever how badly the Iranian revolutionary regime wants international rehabilitation.

Israel's role in the hostage swap bears recognition and commendation. It is no easy matter for an Israeli government to defy the strength of public opinion against releasing men viewed as — although not proven to be — terrorists. Under considerable pressure for its intransigence over other issues, Israel deserves international respect for exercising statesmanship in this matter.

To those that view the hostage exchanges as a surrender to the terrorists of Hezbollah and the Revolutionary Justice Organisation, it bears observing that the kidnappers have remarkably little to show for their actions. At the end of a protracted and costly operation that has branded them as pariahs in the eyes of the world and continued to sully the name of their sponsor, Iran, very few of their demands have been met, while their power in Lebanon is at its lowest for years.

The whole episode now places a spotlight on Iran's attempts to re-enter the world community. Progress in Western relations with Iran remains impossible, of course, until Terry Waite and the other hostages are freed and until the *fatwa* on Salman Rushdie is lifted. If these events take place, the West has the task of learning how to deal with a regime whose extremists are now contained, but whose fanatical religious underpinning still inspires unease.

However repugnant Iran's own history of hostage-taking and its support for others to do the same, there may be a case for extending a hand towards yet another revolution that has understood it has no choice but to rejoin the real world. Under President Rafsanjani, it has proved in a number of ways is is eager to resume a working relationship with the West. The process began with Iran's need for reconstruction after the war with Iraq and the subsequent earthquake. America's interventions in the Gulf in 1987 and again last year appear finally to have shattered any illusions among Iranian hardliners that the "Great Satan" could be easily routed from the Middle East or anywhere else.

Iran in many respects regained its self-esteem during the Gulf war; its arch-enemy, Iraq, was given the hiding of its life and exposed as a bullying aggressor, while the Iranians refrained from active intervention and even inspired some sympathy for extending a helping hand to the Kurds.

This development is significant because Iran is the crudest and most fundamentalist exponent of a phenomenon the West may increasingly have to deal with: the hold of Islam upon much of public opinion in the Middle East and North Africa. The ancient tribal despotisms that preside over much of the region cannot endure for ever, and the few countries that have dipped their toes into consulting public opinion in the area — Jordan, Algeria, Egypt briefly — have found the water Islamic-warm. Like it or not, we may increasingly have to enter into a dialogue with Islam.

There is no reason why that dialogue should not succeed: Islam is not inherently violent or anti-Western. If Iran and its followers are beginning to emerge from the dark valley of the last decade, let us welcome them — on the stern condition that the remaining hostages be released, that the killer squads that last month killed Shahpour Bakhtiar in Paris and still threaten Mr Rushdie be leashed, and that the grisly treatment of dissidents under the Islamic regime be brought to an end.

Apotheosis of Essex man

As the cricket year comes to a close, **Alan Lee** analyses the stubborn talent that made Graham Gooch England's hero

In a sporting world where stardom is invariably measured by mentions in the social scandal columns of the tabloids, Graham Gooch is a curiosity close to anachronism. His standards, bearing, dedication and modesty are a throwback to more Corinthian days, his squeaky-clean image the frustration of those who like to set their sportsmen on a pedestal and then gleefully help them fall off.

But when real worth and achievement are the sole gauge of stature, there can be little doubt that the past two years have seen this determinedly unassuming man of Essex rise to levels of attainment seldom reached in his or any other sport. He has captained the England cricket team by such inspiring example that West Indies, having wriggled off his hook early last year, were held to a drawn series this summer. He has scored runs in such quantity, and with such command, that the computers estimate him to be currently the best batsman in the world.

Last week he led his beloved Essex to the county championship and so forgot himself that he grabbed the microphone on the Chelmsford balcony and told the crowd how emotional he felt. In anyone else, at such a time of triumph, this would have been a normal reaction. Coming from Gooch it was as revealingly unusual as his subsequent admission that "this has definitely been the best year of my career".

It is easy to forget that the year began, in Australia, with defeat and disillusionment which Gooch found so hard to take that he publicly castigated his players. That outburst came, however, from the heart of a man who can forgive failure but never flippancy. Exhibitionism and false vanity are not in his nature and, in case anyone thinks he might be developing celebrity traits, disabuse is close at hand.

Two days before the county title was secured, Gooch was 202 not out at close of play. Was his knee-jerk response to reach for the champagne, to celebrate with the boys or to bask in the glory with television and radio interviews?

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

A solitary man: Gooch was an unlikely figure to inspire England to victory

Of course not. He hurried off the field, worried that he would be a few minutes late picking up his wife, Brenda, for a shopping trip. Ten minutes later he was sweeping out of the ground in his sponsored Toyota, his mobile phone already in touch with home base in the hamlet of Hutton Mount.

These days, amid the humdrum image he once portrayed without trying, but now one suspects finds fun in perpetuating, there are perks. His home is a long way in style, if not in distance, from his boyhood base in Leytonstone, east London. His car boasts a registration plate contrived to read HIS BAT. His wife can shop free for a while in Harrods, a gratuity in return for his opening of their summer sales. And, this winter, he is taking to the road for a series of speaking promotions, something from which he would, until recently, have run a mile.

But he runs a lot further than a mile, every day of his 38-year life, and the single-mindedness of this habit is quintessential Gooch. A few years back he concluded that his body would decline before his appetite for cricket unless he took steps to preserve it. There are men of his age who would consider ten-mile runs worse than drastic, but they have had two effects. He is one of the fittest cricketers in the country, and he has grown to enjoy the head-clearing solitude of his time on the roads.

Gooch is a solitary man, no easy quality in a team-member who spends most days, and many evenings, in close confinement with his colleagues. He has never been a hellraiser by night, devotee though he is of real ale and red wine. He likes to get home to his wife and their three daughters, and he likes to get to bed early, not least because he is a confirmed early-riser.

He has many friends, but few he would regard as close. His dearest friend in cricket is John Emburey, the Middlesex spin bowler, the man with whom, on an England tour of India ten years ago, Gooch took the fateful decision to join an unsanctioned tour of South Africa: a mission that cost him three years of Test cricket and hardened what had been a malleable personality.

The South African experience, with its attendant abuse and isolation, left its mark and for some years Gooch regarded the world with suspicion. He cocooned himself and, publicly, his dry humour and talent for mimicry were consciously withheld. This insecurity may explain why his first spell as Essex captain was unfulfilling, despite the championship in 1986, and why he handed the leadership back to Keith Fletcher for the 1988 season.

Few know Gooch better than Fletcher, an outstanding captain himself. Now, as Essex's shrewd coach, he reflects: "There were times when I wondered if Graham would ever be a leader, and I know he felt the same. But he has grown into it, developed a style and a love of the job. He is now very good indeed."

Like Fletcher, Gooch harbours analytical and uncompromising captaincy beneath a preoccupied appearance. His style of man-management depends far more on assessing and discussing the needs of individuals than on Churchillian team talks. Through this caring attitude, as much as through his heroic batting, he has commanded the intense following of players at county and country level, so much so that one fears for England without him at the helm. Essex succeed not least because Gooch keeps in constant touch by telephone while with England.

Despite all he has achieved, Gooch is fundamentally unchanged, still with his shambling gait, his east London voice and his fierce family loyalties. His parents, Alf and Rose, seldom miss a day's cricket and when in June the Queen's scheduled visit to Lord's was aborted by rain and became a team trip to Buckingham Palace, Gooch took his father along.

A stubborn man, Graham Gooch is intent that this winter's tour will be his last. There may, then, be only one more year of Gooch the England captain. But he may make it a year to remember.

...and moreover

Alan Coren

If music be the food of love, play on! As good an opening line as you could shake a slapstick at, and sterling service it has done these four centuries past, albeit sometimes marred by the descant of Cellophane coming off Malteser boxes as excited coachloads settle down for a classical chortle. Do not, however, imagine that I bung it in today simply in order to buttonhole your attention with a guaranteed winner. The line is there for a purpose.

I want you to imagine Duke Orsino delivering it into his telephone. If you can manage that, try him on line two: "Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting, the appetite may sicken and so die. That strain again!"

Now wait for him to sicken. For you are not alone in trying him on line two, since that is exactly what the operator is doing on Orsino's own behalf, because Orsino has rung up to speak to someone — Malvolio, Valentine, Illyria Takeaway Pizzas, it matters not — and been told that he is not available on line one, would His Grace care to hold while she tries him on line two?

It is at this point that music starts trilling from Orsino's receiver; initially it comes o'er his ear like the sweet sound that breathes upon a bank of violets, but after a bit and with his lobe beginning to numb, the duke cries out: "Enough! No more — 'tis not so sweet now as it was before!" That is not only because it suddenly dawns on him that the unbidden serenade is costing him three ducats a minute, but also because he is unable to put his finger on what the tune is called. He is going spare.

The scene now shifts to Cricklewood, a desert country near the sea. Four hundred years have passed, and the man on the telephone is not a duke of anything, he is a simple hack attempting to earn his Wednesday crust. To this end, he has rung *The Times* to see if any crumbs are rolling off his editor's table. A charming operator has said, "News International, thank you for calling", the hack in his polite turn has thanked her for answering, and these protocols having been observed the hack is put through to the editor's extension.

The editor is not on it. What is on it is a string ensemble, sawing away like grasshoppers. Now, though a musical *divertissement* may not be what the hack rang up for, it is extremely pleasant pre-classical stuff, and while he waits for the manicurist to finish paring the editorial cuticles or whatever, he listens happily enough. He knows this piece, very familiar, oh, what is it, Albinoni, could it even be that little Vivaldi thing, what's it called . . ?

The editor is not there, a message is left, but the hack is now stuck with a headful of unattributable crotchets. So he rings the switchboard again, and everybody thanks one another again, and the hack says what's that piece of music you're playing today, it's on the tip of my, but she does not know, we don't hear it, sir, it comes up automatically when we press the wossname, would you like to speak to our supervisor?

Music comes up. It is not the same music, could be Corelli this time, possibly Monteverdi, but now here is the supervisor. She does not know either, it is a half-hour tape of this and that, they deliver a new one every quarter, you could always ring Intune in Brighton. I ring Intune.

"Telecom audio services," says the Brighton number, and when I tell her what I need she puts me through to Intune customer services, but not before a number of Hawaiian guitars burst in and plunk away for a long-distance bob or two — fortunately, nothing I want to identify — and after the Hawaiians go off for their coffee break Intune comes on and asks how she may help, but no, she does not know what *The Times* got this quarter, what sort of music was it?

It is then that I try to reproduce what I heard. I sing "Diddley-dee-dee-diddley-diddley-diddley . . ."

I am a tape recorder. I am attempting to entertain, on the telephone, a telephone organisation set up to entertain me. But the organisation cannot identify it, either. She will try to find out and ring me back. That was yesterday. She has not yet rung.

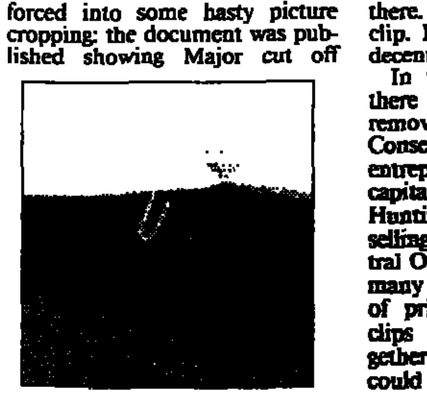
Is it too much to hope that she, too, is driving herself up the wall?

THE TIMES DIARY

A belt and clips man

WHEN the Conservative party was preparing for the launch of its glossy new policy document, *Transforming Britain*, last week, officials made an unfortunate discovery. The photograph of the prime minister being used for official publicity purposes clearly shows the trousers of his suit to be held together by a paper clip.

Officials at Central Office were forced into some hasty picture cropping: the document was published showing Major cut off above the waist. But the discovery came too late to prevent the photograph, taken in the Majors' garden in Cambridgeshire, being sent to Conservative associations around the country and to British embassies round the world.


Caught with his trousers up

The culprit for the paper clip was not Major but his daughter Elizabeth, who noticed during the sitting for the photograph that he was a button short. The clip was the only available aid.

Among the many Conservative associations now sporting the colour picture is the office in marginal Hampstead and Highgate. Andrew Thomson, the agent (and a former agent to Major) says: "Oh God, I knew someone would pick it up sooner or later. Yes, it's there. It's a new shiny silver paper clip. But the picture is perfectly decent."

In the best Thatcherite spirit there are not only no plans to remove the picture from sale at Conservative Central Office, but entrepreneurs there are seeking to capitalise on it. While Major's Huntingdon Tory association is selling the picture for £9.50, Central Office is charging £20. "How many photographs have you seen of prime ministers with paper clips holding their trousers together?" asks a spokesman. "It could become a collectors' item. You can't blame us for making some money out of it."

School for scandal

SO WHICH school was so upset with its pen portrait in the latest edition of the *Good Schools Guide* that it won an injunction stopping publication until the offending lines have been removed?

The publisher, Ebury Press, is not saying. Eton will not appreciate the claim that drink is a "perennial problem", nor Roedean the suggestion that its "chilly" atmosphere is due to more than the sea air, but both have taken it on the chin. Marlborough College is also known to be less than happy with the description that it is "a school coasting along on its famous reputation". Jeremy Woodhouse, Marlborough's registrar, is adamant that it is not his school that has gone to court. "I've no idea which school it is, though we are certainly considering our response. No other school got the brush-off that we were given. Talk to the editors, if they've not fled the country."

The guide has annoyed other headmasters by listing the numbers expelled for drugs. With the vogue for educational league tables, can anyone top the otherwise greatly admired Canford School in Dorset, ("thriving school that does well for the middle of the road with a smashing head and good vibes") with nine expelled for dabbling with cannabis this year?

● ***More language trouble in the land of the valleys. Geoff Tyson, the manager of a ramblers' shop in Betws-y-coed in Gwynned has banned his 32 staff from speaking Welsh because it "gives offence" to English customers. The matter has been referred to the Commission for Racial Equality.***

Star turn

CIVIL SERVANTS in the Cabinet Office barely turn a hair when a visiting head of state crosses the threshold. But it was a different story when Mick Jagger breezed in last week. The singer was there to attend the first meeting of the working party for National Music Day, under the chairmanship of Harvey Goldsmith, at the Office of Arts and Libraries.

Timothy Renton, the arts minister, is responsible for the occasion planned for next June, with live musical events around the country and BBC Radio 2 dedicated to the event for the day. "The idea sprang from a conversation with Mick Jagger at the British Museum earlier this year," says Renton.

Jagger arrived at the Cabinet Office in a wine-coloured jacket and red shirt, done up at the collar. "I don't think ties are the fashion any more," says one of Renton's aides. High ranking civil servants and office juniors alike competed for a glimpse of the singer. They lurked around corners with cameras and autograph books — "for the kids", of course.

By the time Jagger left, word had got around. Secretaries were hanging out of nearby windows for a glimpse. "Presidents and prime ministers are in and out the whole time but we've never seen anything like this," says one of Renton's officials. Only Renton himself missed the spectacle: he had a meeting elsewhere.

Rushdie job

SINCE his appearance at the Writers Guild of Great Britain awards ten days ago Salman Rushdie has been popping up unannounced all over London. His appearances are part of a guerrilla-style series of book-signings. Last week Rushdie turned up at branches of Waterstone's in Camden and Notting Hill.

Tim Waterstone, chief executive of the book chain, says: "The marketing director and I are the only people who know where he is going to appear. It's a discreet operation with two or three armed police officers stationed round the shops."

As to the possibility of causing further offence to Muslims who object to *The Satanic Verses*, Waterstone says: "I am passionately concerned about Rushdie and I feel proud if we can do a bit to nurse him back to normal life. We don't actively approach him. He comes entirely on his own initiative."

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TIME FOR PRINCIPLES

John Major really must set out soon his principles on European political union. The draft political treaty proposed yesterday by the Dutch presidency of the European Community is as unacceptable to most Britons as was the version circulated earlier this year by the Luxembourg presidency. The limited concessions made by the Dutch on foreign and internal security issues are welcome so far as they go, but they do not meet the main objections. That treaty is still unmistakably a blueprint for federal union open to all the objections long raised by those who doubt whether such a structure can embrace the diverse cultures and democratic traditions of Europe's states.

The European Commission and Germany, backed by the Dutch presidency, have their own motives for proposing a development of Europe's political institutions which would have scant democratic legitimacy and would certainly be a recipe for inertia. The essence of the plan is that the European parliament would be able to reject virtually any law by an absolute majority. It would have to approve certain legislative measures passed by a majority of the council of ministers, covering the environment, and research and development assistance, before they could be enacted. This power of "codecision" goes substantially further than the current limited powers of the odd-ball Strasbourg parliament.

At present the council of ministers of member governments has the decisive voice in EC affairs. That is right. It is ministers who have democratic legitimacy. They must answer, in varying ways, for the positions they take at council meetings. If the procedures of the national parliaments have not adjusted to give democratic validity to such decisions — and Westminster is only belatedly adjusting — the answer lies with national constitutions, not in giving power to Europe's "parliament".

This parliament is an anomalous hybrid. Its members do not form an executive and it has no role in the creation or approval of the Commission. But ever since the mistaken innovation of direct elections in 1979, the parliament has found its chief reason for existing, as has the Commission itself, in seeking new powers, perks and privileges for itself, whether or not they are necessary. The British government should not relax its opposition to further aggrandisement.

The Dutch draft treaty is less extreme on external and internal security policy. Its draft refers to "the community and its member states, each with their own competence". There is talk of the development of a community defence policy over the long term, "complementary to Nato and the Western European Union." The ineffective EC response to the Yugoslav conflict has already undermined calls for a common European foreign and defence policy.

Downing Street hopes that the negotiations over political union will become so bogged down in internal community disputes as to prevent any agreement at the Maastricht summit in just over two months' time. This must be considered an advance in dipomatic technique over Margaret Thatcher's pre-emptive belligerence. Mr Major is, by style and by intellect, an unemphatic man who prefers to muddle through on a wing and a prayer rather than state categorically where he stands.

In the case of the impending Maastricht debacle, this approach may be over-optimistic. The Foreign Office tends to underestimate the tendency of the Bonn-Paris axis to reassert itself when decisions have to be taken. The British government would be mistaken to hope, and behave, as if it will all come right on the night over either political or monetary union. John Major will have to confront enough trouble within his own party on economic and monetary union. To risk one on political union as well would be foolish. Mr Major is now two weeks from his party conference. Mrs Thatcher this week reiterated her warning that fundamental principles are at stake. At Blackpool if not before, Mr Major should tell the country what his principles are.

MR HAVEL'S CHALLENGE

One of Vaclav Havel's first acts as president of Czechoslovakia was to anticipate Slovak demands for autonomy by changing his country's name to the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic. This did not appease Slovak nationalism. His proposal yesterday to hold a referendum on independence for Slovakia by the end of this year may turn the tables on the Slovak secessionists.

They will now have to prove, against the evidence of opinion polls, that their root-and-branch opposition to federation can please a majority of Slovaks. Though the Slovak parliament on Monday voted not to discuss a declaration of sovereignty, Mr Havel is afraid that such demands have been only briefly tempered by the *memento mori* of Yugoslavia.

The invasion of Croatia has injected a note of deadly seriousness into the public auction of nationalist gestures and demands held over the past year among the major parties of the Slovak republic. Not even the Communist party, which received 13.6 per cent of the Slovak vote last November, has so far suggested that if Slovakia voted for secession, it might suffer the fate of Croatia. Though both are committed to the federation, neither President Havel nor the dominant figure in the federal government, the finance minister Vaclav Klaus, feels anything but contempt for the aggression of the Serbian communist leader Slobodan Milosevic.

Even so, there are worrying parallels. The Slovaks — unlike the Moravians, who were always denied equal status with the Czech and Slovak republics — cannot point to grievances comparable with those of the smaller nations within Yugoslavia. But the Slovaks, who number a third of the population, were none the less made to feel the junior partners throughout the communist era from 1948 to 1989. The tact with which nationalist politicians deal with their history is a crucial test of their fitness to govern in both regions.

Though the Croatian president, Franjo Tudjman, is sometimes accused by Serbs of sympathising with the fascist Ustasha movement which was aligned with the nazis, he has frequently distanced himself from the wartime Croatian state, a puppet of Hitler. In Slovakia, on the other hand, nationalists are still not sure what to make of the wartime regime led by the Catholic priest Josef Tiso.

The unveiling of a plaque to Tiso in July 1990 was attended not only by representatives of the extreme Slovak National party, but also by one of the republic's two largest parties, the Christian Democrats. Their leader, Jan Carnogursky, is the son of one of Tiso's ministers. Mr Carnogursky was in prison at the time of the November revolution. His democratic credentials are as good as Mr Havel's, though in various ways he has appeased hardliners.

Vaclav Havel has made it clear that he will accept the verdict of the Slovak electorate. He is aware that not all Czechs share his desire to adapt the federal institutions to suit Slovak aspirations. Many regard the heavy industry of Slovakia as an albatross and might welcome its secession.

To show that he is in earnest, Mr Havel has threatened to resign unless the Slovak issue is settled. Since Czechoslovakia's communist constitution no longer enjoys respect but a new one has not yet been agreed, Mr Havel's prestige is for the moment considered indispensable by Czechs and Slovaks alike. Having demanded and received new powers, he is now using them to challenge Slovak nationalists to a trial of strength.

PUSHED OFF THE MAP

The government's long campaign against geography continued yesterday. The education secretary, Kenneth Clarke, was unrepentant in refusing to make it compulsory in secondary schools up to 16. It remains no more than a choice after 14 and by GCSE less than half of all pupils study it. Like history, with which it is lumped as an "option", the subject is a cinderella of the curriculum. To the distaste of the inspectorate and university examiners is now added the reactionary prejudice of ministers.

Mr Clarke has added insult to injury by criticising the techniques of physical and social geography teaching that have made this the third most popular school subject in recent years. Rooted in scientific empiricism, geography is less vulnerable to the charge of subjectivity thrown at some modern history teaching. Its relevance to the experience of pupils has been increased by project-based teaching methods, embracing simple ecology, planning and transportation, human geography and applied economics. It is, as it always was, the ideal foundation for all the sciences, physical and social, and it deserved pre-eminence over science as a foundation subject.

Mr Clarke, parroting the cries of his backwoodsmen, calls for more knowledge of world place-names. Of course such rudimentary fact-packing is a part of learning, but when did Mr Clarke last attend a geography lesson? The essence of geography lies not in reeling off the rivers of South America. It lies in understanding the nature of the Earth and our occupation of it. This is best achieved by generalising from the particular locality of which pupils have experience, hence the growing excitement of environmental studies: hence, of course, Mr Clarke's horror that political geography, or even politics itself, might raise its head.

The government missed its opportunity over the past decade to reform the curriculum and eliminate the excesses of "progressivism". What could have been a step forward into new and more relevant education has proved a step backward under pressure from university traditionalists and party conservatives. No thought was given as to why English, science and maths should be accorded the extraordinary privileges they were, except that old-fashioned teachers ordained it that way. The line of descent of this intellectual snobbery runs straight from the medieval schoolmen and Oxford and Cambridge in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Geography and history, like technology and social science, are empirical subjects whose source material is embarrassingly accessible in the world outside the classroom. This lack of abstraction deprived those who studied them of an aura of priestly exclusivity. Huge battles were required over the past century to persuade schoolmen and teachers that rhetoric, divinity and Latin were not essential to all learning.

Now this fanatically conservative profession, abetted by Mr Clarke, is flooding the curriculum with maths, science and English. Modern languages limp along behind, taught so badly that school-leavers need crash language courses before they can speak them. British children will know nothing of the world around them unless and until they learn geography. Mr Clarke's reactionary ignorance is deplorable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Risks of intervening in Yugoslavia

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, David Alton (September 23) correctly outlines the sad plight of the Croats. Nevertheless, he is wrong to call for Western Europe to intervene with a "peace-making" force.

The British government has rightly insisted that a key condition for dispatching our soldiers must be an invitation from both major factions. To send in troops, in whatever numbers, without agreement from the Serbian leadership would be an act of war.

The (mostly Serbian) Yugoslav army would be likely vigorously to resist the outsiders; indeed at a time when the enthusiasm of some elements of the Serbian population appears to be lessening such an intervention could actually harden attitudes.

That army has more tanks than the remodelled British army will have. Much of the country's terrain is inhospitable to outsiders and the Serbs have earned a formidable fighting reputation over the centuries: even the massed armour of the Wermacht was badly shaken 50 years ago.

The plight of the Croats could become so desperate that the West felt bound to intervene. It is wrong of Mr Alton to suggest, however, that there is a middle way between our government's pre-conditions for action on the one hand and war against the Serbian forces on the other.

On two points we must be clear. First, thousands of British servicemen might be killed in a cause remote to the Queen and country they volunteered to serve. Second, it appears that the Germans, who are leading the calls for "intervention", would once again be prevented from participating by a constitution which they appear less than enthusiastic to amend.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons.
September 23.

From Mr Nenad V. Petrovic

Sir, Yugoslavia was not an invention of the allies in 1918, as David Alton says, but a realisation of a century-old dream of Croatian and Serbian intelligentsia made possible by the victorious Serbian army in the first world war.

It is absurd to state as he does that Croatia has no more in common with Serbia than the Baltic states have with Russia. Croats and Serbs are both south Slavs who speak basically the same language. Serbia and Montenegro were independent states in the last century, whereas the first independent state of Croatia was formed by Hitler and Mussolini in 1941 and that state declared war on Great Britain and the Allies.

Yours faithfully,
NENAD PETROVIC,
1 Warbeck Road, W12.

From Mr V. Alexander Quin

Sir, Kathleen Wilkes writes (September 18) that Serbs in Croatia have enjoyed exactly the same rights as the native Croats. On the statute book yes — after all they are natives of Croatia — but on the ground much more doubtful.

To give an apolitical example, two alphabets, the Latin used by Croats and the Cyrillic used by Serbs, officially enjoy equal status (except that in the armed forces only the Latin is used) and both are supposed to be taught in primary school and used throughout the school years. However, in the city of Karlovac, which has enough of a Serbian Orthodox population to house a bishopric, Cyrillic has been absent for very many years.

Schoolchildren have grown up excluded from the current Serbian literary renaissance, printed in Cyrillic. What would popular writers like, for instance, Melvyn Bragg and Doris Lessing, who signed the letter to you of September 18, say if the number of their admirers was reduced by a similar practice?

Yours faithfully,
V. ALEXANDER QUIN,
20 Poole's Lane, SW10.

Reserved judgment on prison reform

From the Chairman of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, The white paper on the prison service (report, September 17) lacks a sufficient sense of urgency and a sufficient commitment of resources. A great deal will therefore depend on the determination of successive home secretaries, and the cooperation of the Treasury, in ensuring the achievement of the white paper's stated objectives. To that extent, judgment on the government's response to the Woolf report must remain reserved.

Your own solution to the problem ("Not radical enough", leading article, September 17) lies in the privatisation of the prisons, on the argument that privatisation would be a way of escaping the stultifying influence of the Prison Officers Association. It may be argued that the disgraceful condition into which our prisons have been allowed to fall has seriously prejudiced the long-held principle that prisoners of the state should be held in the custody of the state.

Nevertheless, you provide no evidence that privatisation would improve the situation and there is considerable evidence to the contrary from the USA. Woolf made no such recommendation.

Privatisation in competitive situations has a great deal to be said for it. In monopoly situations, however, it leaves many problems unresolved. In his 1989 report on the privately-run Harmondsworth Detention Centre, the Chief Inspector of Prisons found that "at times a chaotic atmosphere prevailed . . . we were not convinced that the operation was being run as efficiently as possible". The system of accountability proposed for the Wolds prison (report, March 25, 1991) equally leaves much to be desired.

There is, however, another possibility. Agency status, as envisaged in the government's "Next Steps" initiative, is the road the government should take. Such status would go well beyond the half-way house of annual agreements between the home secretary and the director general proposed by Woolf and in the white paper.

Annual agreements would be likely to muddy the two essential requirements for more vigorous and responsible management which would be provided by agency status — namely, the clear location of management responsibility and the personal accountability of the director general.

It remains the case that no system of management will be able to solve the problems of our prisons, and create the humane conditions in which reform of the prisoner will have a chance, while the present overcrowding persists. That is why it is so unfortunate that the white paper gives so little assurance that the problem of overcrowding will be tackled in a reasonable time.

Yours faithfully,
EDMUND DELL, Chairman,
Prison Reform Trust,
59 Caledonian Road, N1.

From Mr D. J. Meadows

Sir, Your leading article is right that the home secretary's white paper does not go far enough. The solution to the unrest in our prisons must lie in removing an unwieldy prison department from the Home Office to a department of its own, headed by its own minister accountable to Parliament. This should be coupled with ending the employment of full-time national executive committee members of the Prison Officers Association by the Prison Department, thus obviating their need to serve two masters.

Maybe we can then look to improvements in the regime by working together. Staff in the establishments are not opposed to change. Any improvement in the conditions applied to prisoners can only improve the awful working conditions which we staff endure.

Maybe the system can be dragged into the 20th century and given back its pride: not by means of privatisation, but by removing us from a conflict between the Home Office and the POA which stifles and belittles a basically honest, enthusiastic and hard-working staff who have not had a fair voice on their side for many a long day.

Yours etc.,
D. J. MEADOWS (staff),
HM Prison, Preston, Lancashire.

From Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain

Sir, The home secretary's prison reforms will be even more welcome if a small but very aggravating aspect is emended: religious tagging.

At present, cells have the prisoner's name on a card outside, with a different coloured card for each religion. This is intended to assist chaplains visiting their flock, but the effect is to force prisoners to wear their faith on their sleeve.

It also leads to anomalies: those belonging to religious minorities often declare themselves C of E to avoid being singled out by the rest of the block, while certain groups (e.g., Rastafarians) have no colour code and are given the same card as another faith. In neither case are their religious needs catered for.

Religion can play an important role in helping prisoners come to terms with themselves and face society again; it would be a lost opportunity if religious aspirations are stifled through administrative clumsiness.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN ROMAIN (Chaplain, HM Prison, Reading, 1982-9),
9 Boyn Hill Avenue,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Books for A level

From Mr Christopher Martyn

Sir, The Headmasters' Conference has been told (report, September 18) that nowadays, at the end of an A-level course in English literature, "everybody ends up with an A level regardless of the books they have read". Surely this has always been the case, provided that the students have been willing to work hard for their examination and that the teaching they have received has been imaginative and challenging. Which books they have read may not have been significant.

The best A-level teachers aim to develop in their students a capacity for independent thought and a love of reading. I believe that personal enthusiasm for the material is of prime importance; I doubt that I could sustain any sincere enthusiasm for *The Day of the Jackal* and my students would quickly guess as much. I can take them with me, however, to a genuine understanding and enjoyment of *Antony and Cleopatra*, say, or *Gulliver's Travels* or *Middlemarch*, simply because I believe in the rightness of studying such texts.

It might be that modern training courses for teachers of English lack the academic rigour which the High Master of Manchester Grammar School rightly identified at the conference as the missing ingredient in our current students' experience of GCSE and A-level study.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MARTYN,
95 Clarendon Park Road,
Leicester.

From Mr James Coen

Sir, The headmasters are out of touch with what is happening in the classroom. Sixth form students read *The Day of the Jackal*? Of course they will buy it so that teachers can see their good intentions. But read it? Of course not. They will borrow the video and watch it, then buy one or two sets of study aids which proliferate in bookshops.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES COEN,
249 Westbourne Grove,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Stately home grants

From the Chairman of English Heritage

Sir, Lord Shelburne (September 18) is right to push his case for a tax-free irrevocable maintenance fund to help stately home owners. But he is wrong to suggest that there are 20,000 of them getting between them only £1.8 million a year in grants from English Heritage.

The £1.8 million quoted by Lord Shelburne is for grants to private individuals continuing to live in outstanding buildings, a much smaller category than he suggests.

Yours faithfully,
MONTAGU of BEAULIEU,
Chairman,
English Heritage,
Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, W1.

Supporting jazz

From Mr Chris Hodgkins

Sir, With regard to your leading article (September 18) on which art forms benefit from subsidy: for the record, in 1990-91 jazz in Britain received in the order of £750,000 disbursed via the Arts Council of Great Britain, the Welsh and Scottish arts councils and the English regional arts associations.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS HODGKINS (Director),
Jazz Services,
6 Dryden Street, WC2.

Splits in the church

From Sir John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, I support the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter (September 19) but I am sorry he omits the Book of Common Prayer from "a traditional faith" when he mentions "scripture, the catholic creeds and the 39 articles".

It is the suppression of the Book of Common Prayer in so many parishes as well as the ordination of women which has upset so many good and moderate members of the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES,
House of Commons.
September 19.

From the Earl of Clanwilliam

Sir, The archbishop asks where are the "liberals"? May I suggest to his Grace that they are among those who wish to ordain women priests, conduct single-sex marriages and allow divorced priests to prepare engaged couples for marriage.

I for one have been listening diligently to such "liberals" but have failed to hear God's word in their teaching.

I am, Sir, yours etc.,
CLANWILLIAM,
House of Lords.
September 19.

South African TV

From the Chairman of the Board of Control, South African Broadcasting Corporation

Sir, A report titled "Afrikaner extremists get seven death sentences" (September 14) refers to the "state-controlled South African television" service. I cannot remember ever having seen you refer to the "state-controlled BBC", unless it is axiomatically implied.

The South African Broadcasting Service (to give its proper name), or SABC, is no more "state-controlled" than is the case with the BBC. In fact, the structures of both are the same, and the original Broadcasting Act of 1936, on which the SABC was based, was itself framed from the original BBC Act.

In the case of the SABC, the board of control acts as an independent body, on exactly the same lines as the board of governors of the BBC does. It is appointed in the same way. The group chief executive (formerly known as the director general) of the SABC has the same powers as the director general of the BBC.

The SABC is proud of its independence, which it treasures very highly.

Yours sincerely,
H. CHRISTO VILJOEN,
Chairman, Board of Control,
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Piet Meyer Building, Henley Road,
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Johannesburg 2000.
September 17.

Wildlife on Malta

From Mrs Maxine Gray

Sir, I have just returned from a ten-day holiday in Malta and Gozo during which I visited many coastal areas by road and sea.

The cliffs were littered with expended cartridges, and there were butts and piles of stones which I was told by the local people I asked were for the netting of birds (letters, September 9, 18). Notices which, they said, read "Reserved for hunting" were common.

During the ten days, spent largely out of doors and with binoculars, I saw only four birds — a pigeon, two sandpipers and one gull.

I shall not return.

Yours etc.,
MAXINE GRAY,
5 Ranelagh Avenue,
Fulham, SW6.
September 18.

Aux armes, citoyens!

From Mr David Gibbs

Sir, It is perhaps a little surprising that as a French national Mrs Hill (September 14) sought exemption from *service militaire* for her son for whom she has arranged dual nationality. I suspect that he may come to regret the actions of his mother.

My son, although aware of the possibility of exemption, chose to do his service. Surely this should be part of the deal of consciously claiming and enjoying the benefits of French citizenship. If nothing else he had the valuable experience of living amongst his contemporaries and acquiring a colloquial barrack-room vocubulary as he attained the honourable rank of *sergent* in the 39ième Régiment d'Infanterie.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GIBBS,
1 Gore Road,
New Milton, Hampshire.
September 15.

Harder to remember

From Rear-Admiral I. G. W. Robertson

Sir, May I come to the aid of my friend, Admiral Sir James Eberle (September 13), who requests evidence for his suspicion that this generation suffers more severely from LMS (loss of memory syndrôme) than its predecessors. The Craft Club, of which I have the honour to be a vice-president, may soon be able to provide him with some clues, for the price of a modest subscription.

Founded only seven months ago, with charitable as well as social objectives, the club has already recruited in excess of 1,300 members from all over Britain, Australia and the US. Most of us share a service record, a golf handicap of 20 or more, and an average age of 74½. Sir James is somewhat younger and hunts; but he would be more than welcome to join us, nevertheless.

Why Craft Club? I almost forgot to tell you: Can't Remember a Flipping Thing.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ROBERTSON,
Moons Oast, Barcombe Road,
Piltdown, Sussex.
September 15.

From Professor Brice Pitt

Sir, Admiral Sir James Eberle's LMS may be due to AAMI (age-associated memory impairment) or, conceivably, BSF (benign senescent forgetfulness), manifest in MCI (minimal cognitive impairment). The quality of his letter makes AD (Alzheimer's disease), MID (multi-infarct dementia) or SDAT (senile dementia of the Alzheimer type) unlikely.

Is there more of it about? Yes, mainly because the population has aged so much. Also with advance in information dissemination there is more and more to remember. External memory aids (diaries, lists) can help a lot, mnemonic tricks a little; "smart" drugs need further assessment.

Does the medical profession care? Yes, hence my address.

Yours faithfully,
BRICE PITT, MD, FRCPsych.,
The Memory Clinic,
Hammersmith Hospital,
Ducane Road, W12.
September 20.

From Mr J. S. Wilkinson

Sir, Is not LMS attributable more to our often erratic random retrieval systems than to the capacity of our memory banks?

Yours faithfully,
J. S. WILKINSON,
Lightwood Cottage,
Corbar Road,
Buxton, Derbyshire.

From Mr Kenneth Steer

Sir, It is not only the old: I overheard one young girl emerging from school say to another: "I have no difficulty in learning dates. But I can never remember them".

Yours faithfully,
K. STEER,
2 Morningside Courtyard,
Idsall Drive, Prestbury,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr John Erritt

Sir, Could you kindly remind me of how this correspondence started?

Yours,
JOHN ERRITT,
14 Brook Lane,
Lindfield, Sussex.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF – World Wide Fund for Nature, left Dyce Airport this morning for Brussels to undertake various engagements.

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, is in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon attended a Dinner given this evening by The Tidy Britain Group at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1, and presented The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 24: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited W. J. Furse and Company Limited, Wilford Road, Nottingham and, as President of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, launched the "Chair in Stroke" Appeal at the Council House, Nottingham.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited Dust Control Equipment Group Limited, Humberstone Lane, Thurmaston, Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the Royal Institution, this evening attended the Faraday Bicentenary Dinner at the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers, Montague Close, London SE1.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon performed the naming ceremony of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's "RNLB Grace Darling", North Sunderland Harbour, Northumberland and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northumerland (The Viscount Ridley).

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.K. Claydon
and Miss R.C. Joyce**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Claydon, of Sydney, Australia, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Joyce, of Kennington, London.

**Mr M.E. Davies
and Miss J.L. Wilson**
The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Davies, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson, of Higham, Essex.

**Mr C. Frei
and Miss N.G. Fairchild**
The engagement is announced between Christian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Frei, of Baden Baden, Germany, and Nicola Galia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Fairchild, of Hong Kong and Chelsea, London.

**Mr P.F.B. Le Marquand
and Miss K.A. Fletcher**
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr and Mrs F.B. Le Marquand, of 3 Lincoln Road, Dorking, Surrey, and Katy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Fletcher, of Dolphin Cottage, Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

**Mr A.C. Livsey
and Miss D. Watts**
The engagement is announced between Alan, second son of Dr Benjamin and Dr Clara Livsey, of Napa Valley, California, USA, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs John Watts, of Westonbirt, Gloucestershire.

**Mr R.F. Sanders
and Mlle S.C. Imbert**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs T.R. Sanders, of Kew, Surrey, and Sophie, daughter of M and Mme P.M. Imbert, of Lamotte-Beuvron, France.

**Mr J.M. Sealy
and Miss A.F. Bell**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. J. Sealy, of Shawford, Hampshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Bell, of North Ferriby, Humberside.

Marriages

**Mr J.E.F. Eliot
and Miss W. Ito**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, 1991, at St Michael and All Angels, Withyham, Sussex, of Mr Jonathan Eliot, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Eliot, of Little Renby, Boars Head, Sussex, and Miss Wakana Ito, younger daughter of Mrs Hideko Ito, of Tokyo, Japan. The Rev Arthur Harris officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr Bannai, was attended by Miss Sally Eliot and Miss Claire Eliot, Katie Wilson and Henry Eliot. Mr Andrew Eliot was best man.

A reception was held at Little Renby and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr W.B. Marsden-Smedley
and Miss A.G.B. Kirkland**
The marriage took place on Saturday, at Holy Trinity Church, Crishall, Essex, of Mr William Marsden-Smedley, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Marsden-Smedley, of The Glebe House, Bayton, Worcestershire, to Miss Alexandra Kirkland, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kirkland, of Duddenhoe End, Saffron Walden. The Rev Richard Bevan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Kirkland, Laura Godman, Isabella Deterding, Oliver Lea and William Davenport-Greenshields. Mr Peter Stanley was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Birthdays today

Professor Struther Arnott, vice-chancellor, University of St Andrews, 57; Mr N.W. Ayrton, theatre and opera director, 67; Mr Ronnie Barker, comedian, 62; Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a vice-president, European Communities, 52; Sir Colin Davis, conductor, 64; Mr Michael Douglas, actor, 47; Sir John Farr, MP, 69; Sir Florizel Glasspole, former Governor-General of Jamaica, 82; Mr John Hills, racehorse trainer, 31; Sir David Hunt, diplomat, 78; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Jones, 55; Miss Felicity Kendal, actress, 45; Professor Sir William Mitchell, physicist, 66.

Sir Robert Muldoon, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 70; Mrs Phyllis Pearsall, founder, Geographers' A to Z Map Company, 85; Mr Timothy Severin, author and explorer, 51; Miss Vivien Stern, director, Nacro, 50; Commandant Daphne Swallow, former director, WRNS, 59; Miss Rowena Vining, diplomat, 70.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Robert Yorke and **Miss Anne Riches** to be members of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, in succession to Professor P.E. Lasko and Professor M. W. Beresford. **Professor Martin Biddle** has been reappointed for a further term.

Mr Howard Hellig, of Colchester, to be President of the British Veterinary Association.

Jane Reynolds

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jane Reynolds, Founder of the Centro Canino Internacional, Palma, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, EC4, on Friday, October 18, at midday.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Felicia Hemans, poet, Liverpool, 1793; Thomas Morgan, geneticist, Nobel laureate 1933, Lexington, Kentucky, 1866; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, Lindfield, Sussex, 1872; William Faulkner, novelist, Nobel laureate 1949, New Albany, Mississippi, 1897; Mark Rothka, painter, Daugavpils, Russia, 1903; Dmitri Shostakovich, composer, Leningrad, 1906.

DEATHS: Samuel Butler, author of *Hudibras*, London, 1680; Johann Heinrich Lambert, mathematician, Berlin, 1777; Johann Strauss the Elder, Vienna, 1849; Erich Maria Remarque, author of *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Locarno, 1970; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, 1984.

The battle of Stamford Bridge when Harold defeated Tostig and Hardrada of Norway, 1066. The trans-Atlantic telephone service began, 1956.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York, as Patron of the Carr-Gomm Society, will visit the society's house at 37 West Park, Mottingham, SE9, at 10.30; and will open the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre, 2 Lissenden Gardens, NW5, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent will attend a reception onboard HMY Britannia in the Pool of London at 6.05 as part of the Japan Festival 1991.

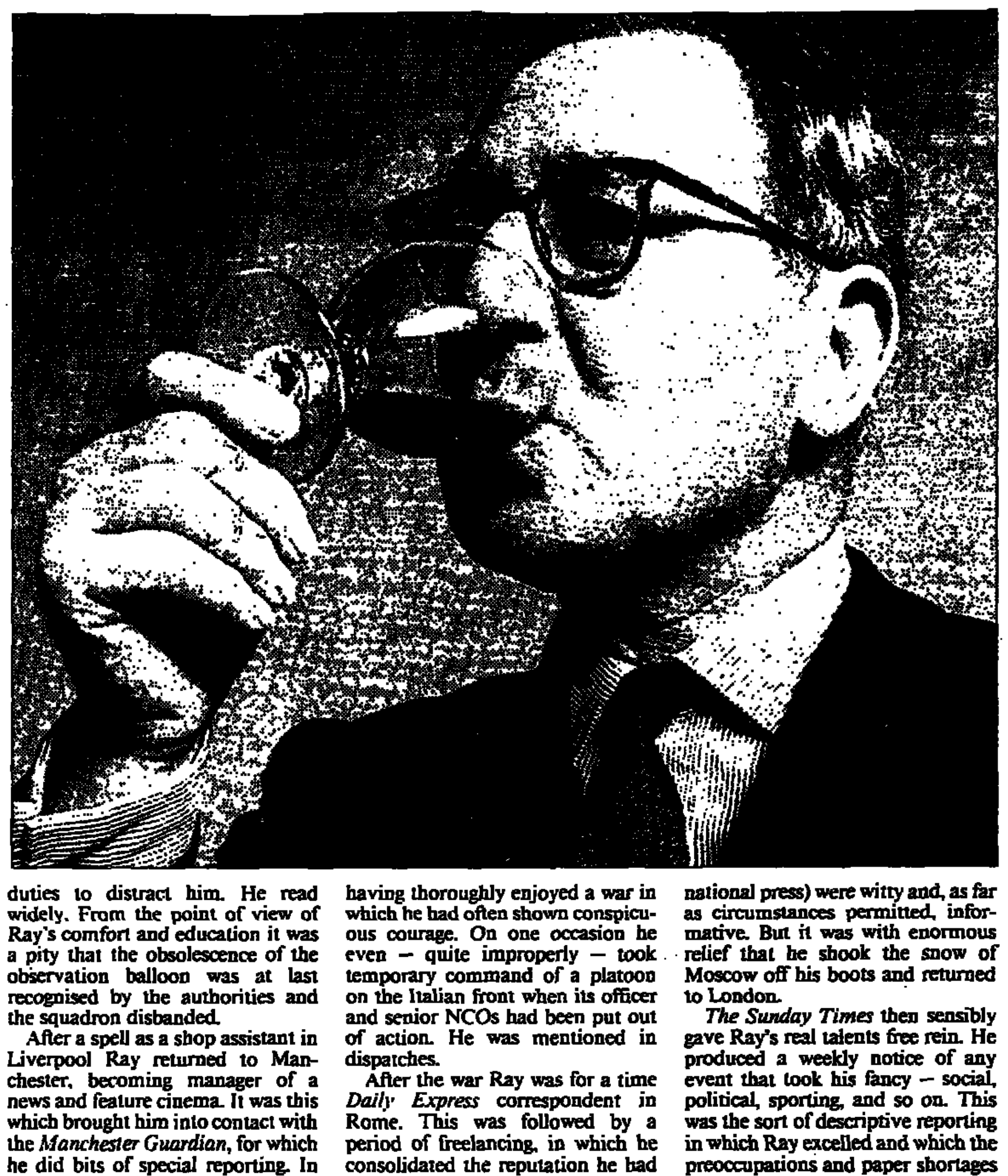
Princess Alexandra will attend a luncheon onboard HMY Britannia in the Pool of London at 12.45 after the British Invisibles Seminar.

Crisis

Mark Scotbern has been appointed director of Crisis, the national charity for the single homeless. He will take over from the present director, Stuart Craig, on November 1, 1991.

OBITUARIES

CYRIL RAY



Cyril Ray, journalist and wine connoisseur, died yesterday aged 83. He was born in Lancashire on May 16, 1908.

"MY FRIENDS call me Ray, acquaintances call me Cyril." On the matter of correct address, as on many others, Cyril Ray was dogmatic and, as so often, right. To some extent he was a Cyril, stout in middle and old age, short and with a well-cut three piece suit covering his comfortable paunch and a rose often in his buttonhole. He was certainly a Ray. His presence illumined and enlivened any gathering, whether it was a wine tasting, a formal dinner or a simple party. He was witty, sometimes acerbic, and a master of the anecdote.

On the outside he fitted the public's image of a wine connoisseur very well. He had his set in Albany, was a liveryman (the Fan-Makers) and delighted that his son was educated at Eton. When he was 70 he took up horse riding again with some skill – at one time in his life he had been an ostler. But Ray relished contradictions. He enjoyed declaring himself a lifelong socialist, albeit a champagne socialist, to what was a distinctly conservative wine trade. And the "English gentleman" claimed with some pride that there was "not a drop of British blood in his veins."

His father was born Rotenberg and his mother Caminetsky. They were Jews from eastern Poland who anglicised their name after they had arrived in Britain and settled in Bury. The Ray family struggled to make a living : Albert Ray was an optician who eventually became a travelling eye-tester for the Co-op. They were not especially orthodox: Cyril Ray began his education at a Wesleyan school (where doubtless he was warned against the evils of drink) before moving on to Manchester Grammar and winning a history scholarship to Jesus, Oxford. There was alcohol at home, sweet wine kept for honoured guests. Ray was always apt to say in a gathering of claret connoisseurs that he found sweet wines much more interesting to write about than dry ones.

When he left Oxford the depression was at its worst and after a succession of jobs, including teaching and working in a riding school, Ray took a short service commission in the RAF. It soon became clear that he was never going to be an ace pilot, and he found himself posted to the only surviving balloon squadron, of which he was made adjutant. Here his daily programme was not exacting. With his dog and a good selection of books he would be winched up into the heavens. The balloon protected the basket from the elements and there were no duties to distract him. He read widely. From the point of view of Ray's comfort and education it was a pity that the obsolescence of the observation balloon was at last recognised by the authorities and the squadron disbanded.

After a spell as a shop assistant in Liverpool Ray returned to Manchester, becoming manager of a news and feature cinema. It was this which brought him into contact with the *Manchester Guardian*, for which he did bits of special reporting. In 1936 he was taken on to the staff.

The outbreak of war found him in the London office, where James Bone directed with urbane professionalism a team which included Evelyn Montague, A. G. Macdonell, Henry Boardman and F. A. Voigt. Ray was neither abashed nor outshone by this galaxy. He became a war correspondent, first with the Fifth Destroyer Flotilla in the Channel, and then covering the North Africa landings in 1942 and the Eighth Army's campaign in Italy. In 1944 he switched to the BBC and was their correspondent with the American airborne assault on Nijmegen and with General Patton's Third Army thrust into Germany.

Ray never made any bones about having thoroughly enjoyed a war in which he had often shown conspicuous courage. On one occasion he even – quite improperly – took temporary command of a platoon on the Italian front when its officer and senior NCOs had been put out of action. He was mentioned in dispatches.

After the war Ray was for a time *Daily Express* correspondent in Rome. This was followed by a period of freelancing, in which he consolidated the reputation he had made as a broadcaster, particularly in talks to North America, during the war.

In 1950 Ian Fleming asked him if he would like to go to Moscow for *The Sunday Times*, which he had joined as a general purposes reporter the previous year. There followed two years of almost total frustration. "General reporting" was never a concept easily understood by the Soviets, and at the height of the cold war the authorities could see no reason why an Englishman, who must of course be a spy, should be allowed to practise it. Bureaucrats and censors blocked every path. Even so, it was remarkable what bricks Ray made without any straw at all. His dispatches (the only ones at that time from a staff man to the national press) were witty and, as far as circumstances permitted, informative. But it was with enormous relief that he shook the snow of Moscow off his boots and returned to London.

The Sunday Times then sensibly gave Ray's real talents free rein. He produced a weekly notice of any event that took his fancy – social, political, sporting, and so on. This was the sort of descriptive reporting in which Ray excelled and which the preoccupations and paper shortages of wartime had almost killed. Its revival gave much pleasure, and some of the articles were published in 1960 in a book called *Merry England* illustrated by Edward Ardizzone. Ray moved from *The Sunday Times* to *The Spectator* in 1958, and thence to *The Observer*, where he stayed until he retired in 1973.

By that time Ray's position as one of Britain's foremost wine writers was well established. His connection with the trade had begun quite modestly in the early 1950s when he was asked to contribute to an in-house magazine (in those days the phrase was yet to be invented) called *The Compleat Imbiber* sent out to the customers of the old family firm of W. and A. Gilbey. When the company's centenary arrived in 1956 Ray was asked to edit a selection of Gilbey articles and the first hardback *Imbiber* emerged with some very distinguished contributors: Betjeman, Postgate, A. P. Herbert and Margery Allingham were among them. The *Imbiber* became an annual event, kept alive by Ray's enthusiasm as it passed from publisher to publisher and sponsor to sponsor. Contributors tended to be paid in liquid form.

Ray quickly developed his own style of wine writing, which was practical and factual with a lively spicing of anecdote. He contributed regularly on the subject to *Punch* and *The Director* and dealt ferociously with editorial assistants who dared tamper with his copy. His was a new voice in an area where flowery phrases had proliferated. He was perfectly happy to leave the realms of first growths and discuss everyday wines and he was among the first to spot that the supermarkets were going to make life hard for family wine merchants.

He was ready to write about Drink – in another word, spirits – as well as wine and some of the best pieces in his collection *In a Glass Lightly* are about strong liquors. But the memory of his days as one of journalism's foot-soldiers, albeit a first class one, remained: when it came to books Ray favoured writing about the top of the market, where the pastures of research were likely to be the lushest.

He produced monographs on Mouton-Rothschild, Château Lafite and Bollinger as well as a study of what in later years was his own favourite tipple, cognac. He did not claim to have especially sensitive taste buds but his powers as a listener and researcher were considerable. At the end of a dinner attended by many of Britain's most distinguished wine writers – Eddie Penning-Rowsell, Hugh Johnson and Harry Waugh among them – during which many fine bottles had been finished Ray stood up and began his speech: "Many of those here have a much better palate than I, but I'm the best bloody journalist in the room by a long chalk." No one demurred.

His wife, Liz, whom he married in 1953 and who survives him, is an expert cook and has written a number of books on the subject as well providing the food to back up Ray's cellar. He was decorated by both France and Italy for his services to wine. He remained dapper and as he grew older his clothes took on a slightly sporting appearance. Not for nothing was his first published book *Scenes and Characters from R. S. Surtees* and when he was featured on *Desert Island Discs* his choice of reading was *Mr Sponge's Sporting Tour.*

DOUGAL ROBERTSON

Dougal Robertson, author of the best-seller Survive the Savage Sea, *died on September 22 aged 67. He was born in Edinburgh on February 12, 1924.*

THE shipwreck and survival of the Scots family Robertson equals in drama and surpasses, in its graphic exposition of a daily confrontation with death by exposure, the fictional *Swiss Family Robinson* on which generations of children were formerly nurtured. In the book he wrote about this remarkable episode, *Survive the Savage Sea* (1973), Dougal Robertson told the story of the 37-day ordeal experienced by him and his family, set adrift in the vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean after their sailing vessel was holed and sunk by killer whales.

Few men can have been better equipped to cope with such an experience than Dougal Robertson. He had served in the merchant navy and as a young cadet had been torpedoed by the Japanese off Ceylon in 1942. Within ten years he had his master's ticket and after marrying his wife, Linda, whom he had met when she was a Hong Kong nurse, he left the sea and they settled down to farm at Leek, Staffordshire.

After 15 years, by now with a daughter aged 19, a son of 17 and two more twin boys of 12, the Robertsons sold up their farm and set out to give their family the experience of a lifetime by circumnavigating the globe in their 43-ft ketch *Lucette*. Putting out from Falmouth on January 31, 1971, they made untroubled progress across the Atlantic, reaching Miami in good order and staying there for some months. There, the daughter, Anne, fell in love and left them to be with her boyfriend.

Continuing through the Panama Canal they acquired a passenger, a Welsh student named Robin Williams who wanted a ride to New Zealand. They had passed through the canal and were bowling along before a fresh breeze in the open Pacific when Robertson, who had just taken a sunsight and was working out his sextant reading at the chart table below decks, heard a loud thump and felt a shock run right through the vessel. A school of killer whales had attacked the hull vertically from below, stoving a large hole in the bottom. Pulling up a duckboard to assess the damage Robertson found himself looking into the unfathomable depths of the ocean and immediately realised that *Lucette* was doomed. Pursued up the companion way to the deck by a torrent of water he had just time to cut loose the dinghy and the life raft, while his wife threw life jackets to the children, before the vessel foundered leaving the family struggling in the water. The whole process had taken little more than a minute.

The disaster was the beginning of an ordeal which would certainly have been the death of a family of less resolution and resourcefulness. They were 200 miles downwind and down current of the Galapagos archipelago, the nearest land. Their closest practical landfall therefore was Costa Rica, 1,000 nautical miles distant. They had only a few emergency rations, no navigational aids and practically nothing else, apart from a 9ft 6in fibreglass dinghy and an inflatable raft, to sustain them.

The resulting triumph over adversity is as much morality play as adventure story. Robertson's iron will – which tolerated no display of weakness from either the members of his family or their passenger – was the decisive factor. He instilled into all of them that castaways must never become embittered, that what Dr Johnson called "that deferred hope which makes the heart sick" must be utterly banished from the mental horizon. On the eighth day a coaster came within three miles of them and rescue seemed certain, only for the chance to be cruelly wrested from them as the ship glided by on radar watch and autopilot. Robertson utterly forbade any lapse into self pity. By sheer force of character he managed to bring about in his party a mental adjustment from the hope of rescue to a steely resolve to survive unaided. The agonies of thirst in the long intervals between rain they allayed by drinking the blood and spinal fluid of turtles they caught. They ate the flesh of sharks and dorado either raw or dried after being hung up in the rigging.

After reaching a nadir of strength and morale on about the eighth day they began to improve in physical health. Yet the threat of death by capsizing was ever present, especially after the 17th day when their raft finally sank and four adults and two children had then to coexist in a nine-foot boat. Excretion suddenly became a highly difficult matter, threatening to upset the trim of the boat, besides being agonising in itself because of dehydrated tissue. Sleep had to be carefully organised, with each member of the family maintaining a meticulously pre-arranged position in the tightly-packed boat, in spite of raw and suppurating body sores.

There were frayed tempers among the family and anger was reserved for their passenger who alone was unable to reconcile himself to the administration of the enemas with which Mrs Robertson sought to ease the miseries of defecation. Yet, astonishingly, rescue on the 38th day by a Japanese fishing boat found *Lucette's* survivors almost attuned to their extraordinary environment and certainly capable of making the remaining 200 miles to land.

When they returned to England the family were much in demand for television and radio interviews and went on lecture tours here and abroad. Robertson's account of the ordeal became a best-seller and a film of the same title is about to be screened in America. It was not the only book he wrote: *Sea Survival* (1975) encapsulated the experiences of the voyage in a manual which has won world-wide acclaim among mariners.

Robertson's marriage was dissolved in 1988. He is survived by his three sons and a daughter.

Britain's most private public art collection goes on view

By JOHN SHAW

TWO ministers and a senior civil servant will have gaps on their office walls for the remainder of the week as pictures from the Government art collection go on show in London today.

Timothy Renton, the arts minister, will lose two paintings and a sculpture by Sir Anthony Caro; Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, will be deprived of a portrait of a Glasgow urchin by Joan Eardley, and two pictures by Duncan Grant have gone from the Treasury. They normally hang in the office of Sir Terence Burns, the permanent secretary, and are among 24 works put on exhibition by Dr Wendy Baron, curator of the collection, at the Royal College of Art in Kensington Gore.

It is the biggest "one-off" show from the collection for some years and is part of the twentieth century British art fair. Exhibits from 50 dealers showing 2,000 pictures will be on view. It is being opened by Princess Michael of Kent and continues until Sunday.

The government art collection is probably the most private public collection in Britain. Many of its 15,000 items are scattered over 300 buildings from offices in Whitehall to embassies from Paris to Peking.

The highlight is a group of six works by Christopher Wynn Nevison (1889-1946) covering a 30-year period. Three paintings have been recalled from the British embassy in Paris.

Others pictures include William Ratcliffe's "Beehives in the Snow, Sweden 1913", recently cleaned and not seen in a public exhibition since 1914. The most recent work is Harriet Manna Hill's "Triptych", painted on old door panels from a demolished house in Bermondsey, south-east London, last year.

● A rare German Enigma decoding machine, estimated to be worth between £2,000 and £3,000, will be sold by Phillips in London on November 6.

The machine, still in its original box, has a hazy background, said Adam Livingstone, militaria specialist at Phillips. It has come via a lawyer from a private collection "but we do not know the actual history." It is believed to be one of the first to be sold at auction in London.

Dinners

HM Government
The Crown Prince of Japan was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Edinburgh Castle on Saturday, September 21. Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Lang were the hosts.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Insitution, and Mr John Herrin, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, were hosts last night at a dinner held at the Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Michael Faraday. Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, and Lady Gillett, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs John Taylor, was a speaker. Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas and Mr A.S.D. Barrett also spoke. Among others present were:

The Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, the Masters of the Spectacle Makers' and Engineers' Companies, Sir Walter and Lady Bodmer, Sir Kirby and Lady Laing, Sir David and Lady Phillips, Sir David Plastow, Mr and Mrs Y Nakajima and Herr P von Siemens.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for the President of Angola.

Maple Leaf Luncheon Club
The Mexican Ambassador was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Maple Leaf Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Judith M. Steiner, chairman, presided and the Deputy High Commissioner for Canada also spoke.

East Africa Association
The High Commissioner for Uganda was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the East African Association held yesterday at the Goring Hotel. Mr P.L. Brazier, chairman, was host.

Lloyd's Register
The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at 71 Fenchurch Street by Sir Roderick MacLeod, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, senior staff, board members and members of Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board. Other guests included:

Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Lord Sterling of Plaistow, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Nicholas Hunt, Mr Robert Evans, Mr J N Maltby, Dr G K C Pardoe, Professor T Patten, Rear-Admiral M A Vallis, Captain E H Beetham, Mr R T Fox, Mr P C Tudball, Mr E J Bavister, Mr C M Smith, Mr P L Evans, Mr C Welch, Mr G Hadjieleftheriadis, Captain G A Pappadakis, Mr C Sverdrup, Mr J J Verwer and the Rev J F Cowling.

English-Speaking Union
The Swiss Ambassador was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Fernand Auberjonois presided. Mr Walter Lessing, Chairman of the Mid Atlantic Club, and Mrs Dene Newman, Director of the Current Affairs Unit of the ESU, received the guests.

Reception

Institute of Metal Finishing
Prince Michael of Kent was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Institute of Metal Finishing last night at Goldsmiths' Hall to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Michael Faraday. He was received by Mr Ian Christie, president.

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And now there awaits me the garland of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on the great day, and not to me alone but to all who have set their hearts on his coming appearance.
2 Timothy 4:8 REB

BIRTHS

AYTON - On September 20th, to Gay (née Waller) and Mike, a son, Jonathan George.

BOOT - On September 13th, at West Dorset Hospital, to Elise and Martin, a daughter, Sophie Louise, a sister for James, Helena and Edward.

BRAY - On September 2nd, to Louise and Michael, a son, Thomas Christopher George, a brother for Max.

CLARKE - On September 21st 1991 at 5.24 am, to Amanda and John, a son, Edward John.

DEWSON - On September 23rd 1991, at Bedford Hospital, to Julie (née Lockwood) and Robin, a son, Scott David.

DOUGLASS - On September 19th, to Angela (née Thompson) and Richard, a daughter, Kathryn Sophie, a sister for Sarah.

DOWD - On September 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Mary Pat and Jim, a son, Thomas James.

EMKES - On September 21st 1991, at St George's, Tooting, to Jacqueline (née Price) and Daniel, a son, George.

GEORGE - On September 15th 1991, at U.H.W., Cardiff, to Isabel (née Parry) and Gareth, a daughter, Elinor Mary Elizabeth, a sister to David.

GOODWIN - On September 22nd, to Juliette (née Bacon) and Alexander, a son, Charles Jonathan Michael, a brother for William and Tiggy.

HANBURY-WILLIAMS - On September 20th to Catherine (née Chevalier) and Nick, a son, James Edward, a brother for Michael.

HARRIS - On September 24th, in Plymouth, to Susan (née Campbell) and Alan, a son, Thomas.

HOBHOUSE - On September 18th 1991, to Jill (née Bridges) and David, a daughter, Anna Patricia.

KERRUISH-De JONGH - On September 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Shanti and Simon, a daughter, Stephanie Lauren Luc.

KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN - see O'Brien.

LAHIFF - On September 13th, to Carolyn (née Trevor) and Pat, a son, Jack, a brother for Max.

LEIGH-PEMBERTON - On September 20th, in Canterbury, to Kate (née Lampard) and John, a son, Robert Eustace Walter.

MADELEY - On September 23rd 1991, to Carol (née Maylag) and Richard, a daughter Alexandra Patricia.

MARSHALL - On September 2nd 1991, to Paul and Jill (Goolden), a son, Philip Guy Douglas, brother for Oriel and Verity.

NEWTON - On September 18th, to Roy and Jackie, a daughter. A sister to James and Charlotte.

O'BRIEN - On September 20th to Sally (née Knatchbull-Hugessen) and Thomas, at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, a son, William Thomas Robin.

POTTIE - On September 23rd, to Carole-Anne (née Sharkey) and Graham, a daughter, Alexandra Claire. Thanks to all concerned.

REEVE-TUCKER - On September 22nd, to Nicola and Michael, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Alexander, Piers, Poppy and Dominic.

ROBERTS-PHELPS - On September 12th 1991, to Sharon and Graham, a son, William.

STRAKER - On September 19th, to Sophie and Reuben, a son.

BIRTHS

SUGDEN - On August 31st, to Heather (née Stoll) and Ian, a daughter, Edwina, a sister for Jack.

TAPP - On September 23rd, to Annette and Charles, a daughter, Beatrice Rose, a sister to Chloe, Laura and George.

UDY - On August 29th, to Sheila (née Watkin) and Giles, a son, Daniel James William, a brother for Rebecca, Philippa and Benjamin.

VAN DER KLUGT - On September 15th, to Diana and Humphrey, a daughter, Eleanor, a sister for Thomas.

WOOLLASTON - On September 19th, to Nicola (née Askin) and Howard, a son, Charles Peter, a brother for Sophie and Henry.

WRIGHT - On September 21st, to Doreen and David, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Steven and Malcolm.

DEATHS

ANSTEY-CHAVE - On September 21st, Rivona Kathleen, aged 81 years, much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove, Somerset, on Friday September 27th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for The International League for the Protection of Horses c/o Peter Jackson Funeral Director, Mona, High Street, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0RB, tel: (0963) 62570.

BARTLETT - On September 21st, peacefully at Budleigh Salterton, William Joseph, aged 90. Formerly of Sidmouth and Hoylake. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, Friday September 27th at 10.30 am, followed by interment at West Kirby.

BRACKEN - On September 24th 1991, at Seacroft Nursing Home, East Preston, West Sussex, Hilda May, in her 86th year. Much loved and deeply respected by her nephews, nieces, family, friends and former pupils at Worthing Girls High School. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, East Preston, on Monday September 30th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for St Mary's Church may be sent c/o and all enquiries to F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel: 0903 713939.

BRUCE - On September 24th, Alister Bruce. A very happy man thanks to his parents, family and many friends. Funeral family only. No flowers.

CHAPMAN - On September 23rd 1991, in Battle Hospital, Reading, Constance May, aged 84 years, formerly of Leighton Park School. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Earley, on Tuesday October 1st at 2.30 pm.

DAVIES - On September 12th, in Italy, Mary Dorothy, loved sister of Marjorie, Tottie, Margaret, Betty and Buster.

DERRICOTT - On September 22nd 1991, Valerie Cunningham, aged 75 years. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Leslie, dear mother of Gillian, Jennifer, John and Jocelyn. Service and interment at Canwell Parish Church on Friday September 27th at 3 pm. No flowers by request, donations preferred to Save the Children Fund, c/o Ian Hazel Funerals, 5 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4AA.

FAINELLO - On September 20th, Roberto of 25 Jermyn Street, London SW1, the loved and admired brother of Betty (Elisabeta) and friend to all who knew him. Private cremation in Poole, Dorset, today (Wednesday) at 16.00 hours. Arrangements for a Memorial Service will be announced later before his ashes are returned to Venice.

DEATHS

DICKENSON - On September 19th 1991, unexpectedly at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Yvonne Marie, deeply mourned by Francis, John, Nikki and Peter, sadly missed by relatives and friends. Service at St Jude's, Englefield Green, Thursday September 26th at 5 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to British Diabetic Association or St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, c/o F. Harrison and Son, Harvest Road, Englefield Green, TW20 0QT, tel: 0784 432163.

FAIRCLOUGH - On August 19th 1991, James Arthur, husband of Peggy and father of Pat. Burial took place privately; a Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Parish Church, Old Town, Eastbourne, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday October 2nd.

FOY - On September 22nd 1991, peacefully at home in Nairobi, Dr. Henry Foy, aged 91. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, London, WC2A 3PX.

GLEN - On September 23rd 1991, at Edinburgh, James Pirie, T.D., C.A., Lt. Col. R.A. (retired), former Treasurer of The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, devoted husband and companion of the late Constance Nora Rosslyn Mitchell, M.A., L.L.B., and loving and beloved father and grandfather. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Saturday September 28th at 11.30 am to which all friends are invited.

HAKE - On September 22nd, peacefully in Australia, Elizabeth (Betty) née Barton, widow of Denys, formerly Headmaster of the Kings School, Parramatta.

KENNY - On September 23rd 1991, peacefully, Maeve Pauline Alberti, widow of Stanhope Lloyd Kenny of Ballinrobe, County Mayo. Enquiries to C. Waterhouse & Sons, tel: 0435 882219.

PARR-DUDLEY - On September 23rd 1991, Elinor, aged 91. Only daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. A.D. Parr-Dudley of East Malling, Kent. Funeral Service at East Malling Parish Church on Monday September 30th at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to East Malling Parish Church or Barnardos, c/o Viners, 54 High Street, West Malling.

PHELPS - On September 20th 1991, suddenly at home in Malvern, Alex, aged 62 years. Adored husband of Mary and irreplaceable father to William and Mark. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Malvern Wells, on Monday September 30th at 2pm. All welcome at church service, followed by private burial. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Heart Start, c/o 71 Barnards Green Road, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 3LS.

RAY - On September 24th 1991, in The Brompton Hospital, London, after a long illness, Cyril, aged 83, dear husband of Elizabeth and father of Jonathan. Cremation private.

RILETT - On September 16th 1991, suddenly at Cheltenham General Hospital, John Walter, aged 57 years, of Bibury, Glos. Funeral Service on Friday September 27th, 11 am at Bibury Parish Church, followed by cremation. Flowers, if wished, to Packer & Slade (Funeral Directors), 1 City Bank Road, Cirencester or to the Church.

SHARPE - On September 19th, suddenly in hospital, Reverend Canon Ken Sharpe, aged 71 years, of Menston, near Ilkley. Former Missionary Uganda, Kenya. Late Vicar of Coley.

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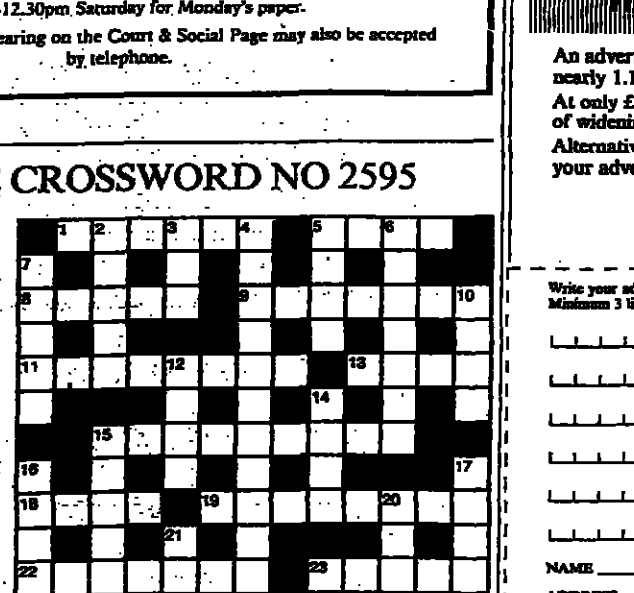

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DEATHS

ROBERTS - On September 24th 1991, peacefully at home in her 84th year, Frances (Joyce), widow of Alf and dearly loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Funeral Service and cremation at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, W10, on Friday September 27th at 4.45 pm. Donations, in place of flowers, may be sent to the Portobello Trust, 14 Conlan Street, London W10 5AR.

SMALLPIECE - On September 21st, peacefully, Dr. Victoria, much loved aunt, great and great-great-aunt and beloved friend of Daphne Jones. Private funeral. Instead of flowers, please donations to Cancer and Leukaemia in Children (UK) c/o Dr. Andrew Wilkinson, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU.

STREATFEILD-MOORE - On September 23rd 1991, at home, Frank Alexander (Toby), loved husband of Joan, father of Jo, Dido and Johno, grandfather of Gavin and Fiona, Tom and Emily. Thanksgiving Service at Ashe Church, Ashe, near Overton, at 3pm October 4th. No flowers.

SWORD - On September 21st, in Perth, W. Australia, David, beloved father of Karen, Malcolm and Catriona, peacefully but unexpectedly. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers to the Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, Sy. GU27 1NQ.

TEMPLE-RICHARDS - On September 24th 1991, peacefully, Dorothea, widow of the late Harold Temple-Richards and beloved mother of Mervyn, Leo and Mary. Funeral St Martin's Church, Hindringham, Fakenham, 2.30 pm Saturday September 28th. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Mill House Nursing Home, Great Ryburgh, Fakenham, Norfolk.

TOWNROE - On September 21st, peacefully in hospital in Shaftesbury, Dorset, Stephen Collingwood, darling husband of Esme, beloved and loving father and grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all who have flowed in and out of Colleton, Blackdown, and Tuck's House. Family funeral service. Donations, if desired, to St John's Church, Enmore Green, c/o G.E. Johnson & Son (Funeral Directors), 41/45 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8JF.

TREW - On September 23rd 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, Angela Margaret, aged 60, much loved mother of Robin, Martin and Sarah, daughter of Jill, sister of Shirley and former wife of Peter; also a dear grandmother. Funeral Service at 11.45 am on Friday September 27th at St Mary's Church, Norton-Sub-Hamdon, near Yeovil, Somerset, followed by cremation. Donations to the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Bristol BS8 4PG.

URECH - On September 23rd, peacefully at home, Walter, aged 56. Sadly missed by Ronnie Lande, by his family in Switzerland and colleagues at Air France U.K. No flowers at his request, but donations if desired to CARA, The Basement, 178 Lancaster Road, London W11. Funeral 3.30 pm on Tuesday October 1st at St James Norlands Church, St James Gardens, W11. All friends and colleagues welcome.

WATSON - On September 22nd, suddenly but peacefully at The West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Dagmar, widow of the Reverend Arthur Watson. Much loved mother of Patrick and Karen and adored grandmother of Louise, Nicholas and Flora. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Ovington, Norfolk, on September 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St John's Church, Ovington, Restoration Fund, c/o Tennant's Funeral Service, Norwich Road, Watton, Norfolk.

WILSON - On September 24th, Robert Stewart, peacefully at Clackclose House, Downham Market, Norfolk. Funeral Service to take place at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn, Friday September 27th at 12 noon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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K.P. BARRY, FCA
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of creditors of the above-named company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 17th September 1991, I Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named company.
Dated this 17th day of September 1991

IN THE MATTER OF WAVENEY MARINE SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 10th September 1991 I, David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members and creditors.
Date: 19/9/91
DAVID JULIAN BUCHLER

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF GULF SHIPPING LINES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 10th September 1991 I, David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members and creditors.
Date: 19/9/91
DAVID JULIAN BUCHLER

IN THE MATTER OF DEERFIELD LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 10th September 1991 I, David Julian Buchler of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members and creditors.
Date: 19/9/91
DAVID JULIAN BUCHLER

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
OMEGA UNIVERSAL TECHNOLOGIES LTD
Registered number: 1839341. Trading name (if different from Company name): None. Nature of business: Medical Lasers. Trade classification: 40. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 September 1991. Name of person appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: I P Phillips and D J Buchler. Office holder numbers: 2636 & 06/3134 of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
F M WALKER & SONS (FARMERS) LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3QY, on the 3rd day of October 1991 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of joint administrative receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this 19th day of September 1991
D J BLENKARN ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1 A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at THE ABOVE ADDRESS no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting and the claim has been admitted with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2 Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible before the meeting.
3 A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4 A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assesses it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

The Insolvency Act 1986
PUBLIC HOUSES WHOLESALE SUPPLIES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TERENCE JOHN ROPER of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN and MICHAEL PERKINS of Butley Davey, 69/75 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2SQ was appointed Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 6th September 1991.
Dated this 19th September 1991
T.J. Roper and M. Perkins.
Liquidators

TRES CHIC LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held on 16 October 1991 at 2.30 p.m. at 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, the registered office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on the 18 October 1991.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection by creditors at 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 14 October 1991 and 15 October 1991.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, for the purposes of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it was assessed.
Dated this 19th day of September 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R A ALTMANN
Director

SEPT 25 **ON THIS DAY** 1792

The Times news service from France during the revolution was on the whole reliable: occasionally it appears to be based on hearsay or gossip; such is the case here. Danton (1759-94) never studied "physic"; he followed his father's profession as a lawyer and the outbreak of the revolution saw him well established at the Paris Bar.

CHARACTERS OF FRENCH STATESMEN

THE CORDELIER DANTON

M. Danton, celebrated in clubs, and distinguished among the mob, having the honour of being elected a Member of the approaching Convention, claims our attention. His father was a *butcher* — (the son has refined on, and greatly improved the profession!) and amassed, by his industry, sufficient fortune to enable his son to pursue the study of physic.

At the recommendation of the late unfortunate Princess of Lamballe, he was appointed *Medecin Extraordinaire des Ecuries du Comte d'Artois*. He was — in common with the chiefs of the present mob government, and the libellers of the French Princes, — a parasite, having owed his livelihood and existence to their liberality and countenance. His own medical talents would not have raised his name to its present celebrity; for many of his patients died under his hands; so that, when a page or domestic incurred the displeasure of the Comte d'Artois, he used to threaten to put them under the care of Danton.

He paid his courtship to his master with the most degrading servility, caressing and kissing the horses, because he said he knew them to be favourites with the Comte; and never, until the 14th of July, 1789, did he hear his name pronounced, without taking his hat off. These were facts so well known, as to have been proverbial at Versailles.

Possessed of these courteous qualities, we are not surprised to find him abandon his master when he could not longer serve him, and transfer his courtship to the triumphing mob. He resided in the section *des Cordeliers*, (according to the new geography section *de Marseilles*,) among whose inhabitants, particularly distinguished for their ignorance and rudeness, he became eminent for the vehemence and sedition of his speeches.

He is possessed of a very fine natural voice, which commands attention: his speeches are always agreeable to the rabble, as he flatters their passions by inveighing against the Nobility, and exciting them to plunder the opulent. When any Member of the Constituent Assembly used to pronounce, with a fine voice, harangues destitute of oratory or logic, Mirabeau was accustomed to cry out — *l'eloquence du Danton!*

In all the popular tumults, which have for these last four years disgraced Paris, Danton was foremost in animating the people, and pushing them on to crimes. In October, 1789, the *Hotel de Casiries*, the *Champ de Mars* — the theatre of his exertions in July last, — bear testimony to his zeal and activity: his services have been rewarded by being frequently called to the chair in the *Club des Cordeliers*, — a club equal to that of the Jacobins for the rebellious dispositions of its Members, but below it in point of art and abilities.

We may judge of its eloquence and principles, from his own speech to the mob in the Champ de Mars. "We are — says he, twenty-five millions of Frenchmen; consequently we have fifty millions of hands armed with swords and poignards: let us send six millions of men to Germany; three millions to Italy and Spain; three millions to Russia and the north of Europe. But beforehand, — in order to get money to pay our brothers and sisters going abroad, — let us send four millions of men to London! The nine millions remaining, are sufficient to cultivate the country, — to destroy Louis XVI and his family, with the National Assembly, and all constituted authorities as aristocrats. Let us do this, and, in a year, all Europe will acknowledge the sovereignty of the French nation.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FX2: THE DEADLY ART OF ILLUSION (15):** Mindless, overcrowded sequel to the 1986 thriller about a crime-fighting special effects wizard (Bryan Brown). Stars Brian Dennehy; director, Richard Franklin.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148). Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

GET BACK (PG): Docile record of Paul McCartney's 1989-90 world tour. Director, Richard Lester.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **LIFE STINKS (12):** Mel Brooks among Los Angeles derelicts; uncertain episodic comedy with amusing flashes. With Lesley Ann Warren.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **TEEN AGENT (PG):** Increasingly inane spy spoof starring TV pin-up Richard Grieco — a high-school student mistaken for a CIA operative in France. With Roger Rees, Linda Hunt.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TRUST (15): Rewarding astringent comedy about small-town American domesticity from rising director Hal Hartley. Deadpan performances from Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT

◆ **CLOSE MY EYES (18):** Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743)

JUNGLE FEVER (18): Surly, overloaded Spike Lee film about inter-racial relationships, with striking moments among the turmoil. Starring Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **NEW JACK CITY (18):** Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **ONLY THE LONELY (12):** John Candy as a bachelor cop finding love and trying to escape his mother's apron strings. Likeable romantic comedy from *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus, with Maureen O'Hara.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris, director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ **REGARDING HENRY (12):** Master of the Universe turns nice guy after suffering brain damage in a robbery. Skilful blend of the poignant and humorous from director Mike Nichols. Starring Harrison Ford, Annette Bening.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15):** Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron, with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **THELMA & LOUISE (15):** Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

WEEKEND (18): Godard's famous 1967 assault on capitalist society, full of snarled traffic, savage humour and revolutionary harangues. Exhilarating, then maddening.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **BOLD GIRLS:** Imelda Staunton and a fine company in Rona Munro's perceptive look at women's lives in west Belfast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

☐ **BRAND:** Roy Marsden in dour Ibsen drama set in a dark fiord.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

◩ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

◩ **HEDDA GABLER:** Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ **HIPPOLYTOS:** Muted Janet Suzman in otherwise vivid Euripides puzzle-play about sexual desire.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KNICKERS:** Carl Sternheim's deliriously funny comedy on sex and snobbery; well staged.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. 175mins. Final performances.

☐ **OUR TOWN:** Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER:** Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD:** Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art: Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, recently at the Mermaid Theatre, reopens in the West End.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

◩ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◩ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) . . . ◩ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Women In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

TODAY'S EVENTS

KISS ME KATE: Cole Porter's greatest score, *Kiss Me Kate*, with such magnificent ditties as "So in Love" mingling with the outrageous *doubles entendres* of "Brush up your Shakespeare", returns in a new production directed by Roger Redfarn. Starring Kate O'Mara and James Smillie.
Opera House, Quay Street, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Tenor Robert Tear and bass Benjamin Luxon join the CBSO Chorus for a performance of Tippett's oratorio, *A Child in Our Time*, conducted by Walter Weller. The concert opens with Janáček's *Sinfonietta*.
Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL: Billie Holiday was celebrated as "the voice of jazz" but behind the success was a life story filled with tragedy: rape and prostitution; drugs and alcohol. Lanie Robertson's musical biography, *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, is set in 1959 Philadelphia. Starring Chris Calloway (daughter of jazz great Cab Calloway), this British premiere comes direct from the United States in a joint presentation by Birmingham Repertory Theatre and our own Birmingham Rep, to which the production transfers after its London showing (see feature, page 13).
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), 7.30pm.

SIOBHAN DAVIES DANCE COMPANY: Leading British choreographer Siobhan Davies renews her creative partnership with American writer Retel Ehrlich in her new piece *Artic Heart*. Premiered at Swindon earlier this month, the work explores a trip to the frozen north with Ehrlich's words incorporated into John-Marc Gowans's score, describing reactions to intense cold or heart, and to continuous day or night. The music and the movement, together with David Buckland's set designs and Peter Mumford's lighting, make the spectator feel those reactions. The new work can be seen at the Queen Elizabeth Hall until Friday on a bill with Davies's *Different Trains*, premiered last year.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

FRANCESCO CLEMENTE: THREE WORLDS: The Italian painter Francesco Clemente's "three worlds" are Rome, Madras and New York. A leading figure among those returning to representational art in the late Seventies, he has concentrated on the human figure. These 125 works on paper show him as compulsive and erratic, but at his best powerful.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 27.

IDOMENEO: Opera North's triumphant contribution to the Mozart bicentenary is this powerfully alive production of Mozart's *Idomeneo*, dramatically staged by Howard Davies. A remarkable alignment of talent brings together conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, Dennis O'Neill in the leading role, and supporting cast John Mark Ainsley, Rebecca Evans (who stepped in to replace Amanda Roocroft) and Suzanne Murphy. Highly recommended.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.15pm

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Czechoslovakian conductor Libor Pešek celebrates the birth, 150 years ago, of compatriot Antonín Dvořák with an all-Dvořák programme: overture, *Amid Nature*; *Ten Biblical Songs* (with soloist Jard Van Nes). Symphony No 8 in G.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30pm.

Savage musical achievement

OPERA

Die Walküre
Covent Garden

THE slightly bumpy start at *Rheingold* last week was perhaps the noise of Bernard Haitink getting into gear; this second part of the *Ring* was musically quite magnificent, conveying all the thrill of the dramatic moment with a commanding seriousness of purpose. Maybe in the first act there was still some sense of a performance not quite actualised, but from the start of the second act, with a mountainous degree of tension built up in the prelude to discharge in monumentally savage repeated chords, there was no doubt about the scale of Haitink's achievement.

Of course, it is much more than a matter of awesome orchestral set pieces, of which the lead-up to the "Annunciation of Death" was another, with heavily bleak but now perfectly formed low brass. One of Haitink's special distinctions is his eager partnership with his singers, exemplified soon after this last moment when Siegmund bends the orchestra from cosmic necessity into support of his own mortal passion. Here the pit responded with rapturous excitement: even the person responsible for the surtitles lost track of time.

This was perfectly understandable, given that Siegmund was being treated to such a startlingly vivid and engaging embodiment by the Danish tenor Poul Elming, Bayreuth's current choice for the role. A lean, lanky figure, he carries no excess weight either in his voice: he certainly has the strength for the great apostrophes, but there is also a likeable freshness and freedom in his singing. He is an innocent, a natural Parsifal but also extremely effective in this part, responding with full feeling.

Opposite him as Sieglinde, Karan Armstrong seemed a bit constrained in the first act, largely by a lack of tone and allure in the lower register: she became much more powerful in portraying the character under tearing emotional pressure. Hunding, though, is given unmistakable black force right from his first entry by John Tomlinson, who curves the great weight of his sound into a toad-like squatness and meanness.

The divine end of the cast is as it was when this production was first seen here two years ago. Gwyneth Jones as Brünnhilde sings with a shining bravery, for which she seemed to be paying the price at one point, though she soon recovered, just as she quickly tamed the flare on her voice.

James Morris as Wotan seemed to be suffering some want of power, and placing his voice with care to compensate. Or it may be that this was all part of his portrait of a god already acquiescent in his impotence, never pretending he could outpoint the majestic Fricka of Helga Dernesch, who spat out her confident attack with a superb richness of tone. It is a pity that she and Elming are now written out of the story: Jones and Morris, though, will be with us again in *Siegfried* next week.

Likeable freshness: Poul Elming, the Danish tenor, as Siegmund

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DANCE

The Nutcracker
Congress, Eastbourne

TOGETHER with the attractive production of Prokofiev's *Cinderella* which I reviewed some days ago, the Moscow Ballet "La Classique" has brought Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* for its British tour. This too is given in a staging by a choreographer from Kiev, but Valeri Koftun's choreography proves less distinctively flavoured than Viktor Zitvinov's was for the other work.

Koftun also seems to have no particular new interpretation to offer. Most productions try to inject a little more dramatic sense into this ballet than its original authors thought necessary, but this version is content to give a perfunctory account of the Christmas party and Clara's nightmare in the first half, followed by a second half that is mainly a string of unrelated dances.

The printed libretto gives a slightly more elaborate (but still not exactly gripping) story, so perhaps there has been a change of heart, or a simplification for touring.

Whatever the reason, this *Nutcracker* offers not so much a theatrical experience as a set of dances vaguely illustrating Tchaikovsky's music. Luckily this is for the most part acceptably played under Vladimir Bogorad's somewhat brisk direction by what is billed as the Moscow City Radio Orchestra, although I am told that Russian musicians provide only the core, with most of the players recruited here. The wordless chorus sounds as though produced by a synthesiser, and some curious instrument seems to have replaced the celesta.

Provided that you are not looking for much sense or drama, the evening is made by its music and by the liveliness of the dancing. I cannot say who was in the cast I saw, because no printed list was provided and I found the rapidly spoken announcement of a few exotic and unfamiliar names just before the curtain rose was impossible to follow.

Whoever the principals were, they did well enough but no better than would be expected from, say, the Birmingham Royal Ballet (which has the additional advantage of a much better production). Some of the smaller roles were vividly done, such as the number for Columbine and Harlequin at the party, who also have some of the best choreography anyway. The company's tour has now moved on to Sunderland. It is worth catching but if you can go only once *Cinderella* would be the better bet.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE

Trench Kiss
Battersea Arts Centre

THIS engaging and ultimately touching little fantasy is another offering from the prolific Arthur Smith, stand-up comedian, actor and playwright. Together with the *Live Bed Show* and *An Evening with Gary Lineker*, *Trench Kiss* was performed at this year's Edinburgh Festival, a gently comic shrug at war's futility, cultural change and the power of innocence to move scepticism.

As in *Gary Lineker* the play opens with a young woman (the same actress, Caroline Quentin) bored to distraction by her man's obsession. Jim's idea of a holiday is to visit war graves in Belgium. As Sally complains, their resort is "the only place in the world with 167 cemeteries and no disco". "You've never been to Bournemouth," Jim replies.

By a freak trick of time Sally meets a 19-year-old soldier from the First World War: 1988 encounters 1916. Whatever his astral plane, young Jasper is corporeal enough to lose his virginity to Sally who takes him back to Brixton with her.

There follow inevitable, but never over-done, jokes about television, public relations, women prime ministers, plastic and sexually transmitted diseases; and how, as the wide-eyed Jasper puts it, "the 20th century is bad for you" — including meat, milk, water, sex, breathing in the street, running and not running.

The comic contrast between the middle-class decency of a lost generation of golden boys and blousy, swearing, glottal-stopping Eighties' feminism takes a serious turn when Jasper looks up his own history and finds he was missing, believed killed, in 1917. He returns to Belgium and the foreign field that will remain, in Sally's lovingly exasperated words, forever hopeless innocence.

Audrey Cooke's production projects images on to a tent-shaped backdrop: war in the trenches, Chris Evert, the Princess of Wales, Gloria Hunniford, icons all . . . Only one awkwardly protracted blackout for furniture-moving impedes what sometimes becomes an almost radiophonic succession of short vignettes. The author's relaxed persona is perhaps too much a comic performing, to his public and not enough of a character when he plays Jim. But Quentin and Ben Miller give unexaggerated portrayals of their respective types, both affectionately observed.

The author's greatest gift is the avoidance of sentimentality. When eyes are moist at the apparent tying up of loose ends from beyond the grave, the mood is neatly deflated. The play feels like a sketch for something deeper. "Never such innocence, never before or since," is a disconcerting note to end on. A more incisive probe would have been welcome.

MARTIN HOYLE

THEATRE

Rookery Nook
Greenwich

THE final line-up is a cheerful sight. Tunes from the Twenties have brightened up the intervals, and somebody in stage-management presses the button for "Yes, sir, she's my baby". Out from the wings dance the two juve leads, Clive and Gerald Popkiss, charlestoning with the ingénues. They kick out their feet, circle hands in the air, lick a finger and slap a buttock (very roguish for 1926).

Next it is the turn of crusty old Admiral Juddy and the daily woman, no less nimble than the youngsters and never getting their hands wrong in that tricky movement where the palms slide across from one knee to the other. Lastly comes a threesome for the battle-axe, henpecked spouse and Prussian neighbour, and by now the juves are miming the words — "No, sir, don't mean maybe" — on their knees, Al Jolson-style. It is almost jolly and, other things being equal, Virginia Mason's choreography would make a rousing climax to a stylish evening.

But other things have not been equal, and sadly few are the moments in this Ben Travers revival when the batty antics of the characters spur laughter and not impatience. Is this all the famous Aldwych farces were about? Goofy chaps trapped in schoolboy rivalry? Running gags that limp?

Revivals not too long ago, *Thark* at Hammersmith, *Plunder* at the National, show that the merriment can be caught again. But *Turkey Time* at Bristol and this *Rookery Nook* indicate how sporadically the comedy comes when direction and performance get the stance wrong.

Something of the right style is caught by Tyler Butterworth's dumpy Gerald, into whose holiday home a young girl flees for protection while his wife is absent. He has the flashing smile of a Dinsdale Landen and the agitation of Griff Rhys Jones, the memorable stars of *Thark*, and his cheeriness brings interest in his predicament. Richard Garnett's Clive seems no more than an unattractive lounge lizard. Could his unfunny lines ever have made an audience relish his every entrance? So it is said, but where acting style accounted for success more than verbal content and when that 60-year-old style is irrecoverable, the role becomes thankless.

Christopher Godwin's Admiral is exactly right, exaggerated but precise, and Steven Beard's Harold Twine captures the physical dismay of this old Robertson Hare part, stiff limbs signalling terror. Other players do have their moments but Matthew Francis' direction is fatally slow. We have time to see how laboriously the script gets round to some line such as, "When I eat worts Nuts splits to Putz." Half a century of radio and television has sharpened our faculties. New wits tip old quips in the pits.

JEREMY KINGSTON

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

DEVVEL
(c) A severe or stunning blow, a KO punch, Scottish dialect, derivation unknown; Rabbie Burns: "Death's gien the Lodge an unco devvel, Tam Samson's dead."

SQUACCO
(c) A small crested species of heron, *Ardea ralloides* or *comata*, from local Italian dialect *sguacco*: "The Squacco Heron has been more frequently met with in England than any of the former species."

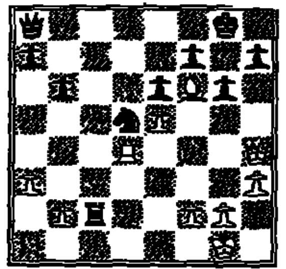
TELEGA
(c) A four-wheeled Russian cart, of rough construction, without springs, and accordingly jolly bumpy and thoroughly uncomfortable for long journeys, from the Russian *teljéga*: "Government couriers travel in telegas, or four-wheeled, simply constructed carts."

SMARAGD
(c) The emerald, from the Latin *smaragdus*, ultimately from the Greek: "What is more pleasant to the sight than a smaragd, yet what less profitable, if it be not used?"

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is a possible variation from the game Clarke — Daly, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. How could white win here?



Today's solution: 1 Qxh7+! Kxh7 2 Rh4+ Kg8 3 Rh8 mate
Yesterday's solution: 1 Bxf8! Rxf8 2 Qe4! threatening mate on h7 and the rook on b7. White will emerge a piece up

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9.05 **Perfect Strangers.** American comedy series 9.30 **Countryman.** A portrait of Dr Jim Cox who succeeded his father in running a general practice in the Lake District village of Caldbeck (r)
10.00 **News,** regional news and weather 10.05 **Playdays.** For the very young 10.25 **Bump.** Cartoon (r) 10.35 **Major Dad** (r)
11.00 **News,** regional news and weather 11.05 **High Chaparral.** Vintage western series. In this episode Victoria and Wind are among a group of hostages whose lives are endangered by a man hoping to pull off the last robbery of his crime-filled career (r) 11.55 **Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills explains how to monitor moisture and overheating which can damage antiques, and demonstrates how to clean a Victorian dressing mirror
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1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) 1.50 **Four Square.** Knock out quiz
2.15 **Knots Landing.** West coast spin off from the *Dallas* saga 3.05 **Pot Black.** The one-frame competition continues with former world champion Dennis Taylor in action against Mike Hallett
3.30 **The Three Fishketeers.** Cartoon adventure 3.50 **Dooby's Duck Truck.** The first of a new cartoon series 3.55 **Orville and Cuddles.** A new run of cartoon adventures 4.00 **F.L.I.P.** A new series about the Federation of Lost International Property (s) 4.20 **The Chipmunks.** New animated series 4.35 **Hartbeat.** Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw illustrate how to make a picture from seaweed and a sculpture from old bicycles. (Ceefax) (s) 5.10 **Byker Grove.** Episode 17 of the 20-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. Weather
6.30 **Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests are Glenn Close who talks about her latest film *Meeting Venus* and Liam Neeson who discusses his role in the film *Under Suspicion.* Music is provided by Huey Lewis and the News (s)
7.30 **Tomorrow's World.** The first in a new series of the science magazine. Includes an item on why Indian fishermen no longer have to use the services of astrologers to predict cyclones. (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Oil, Steam and Sweat
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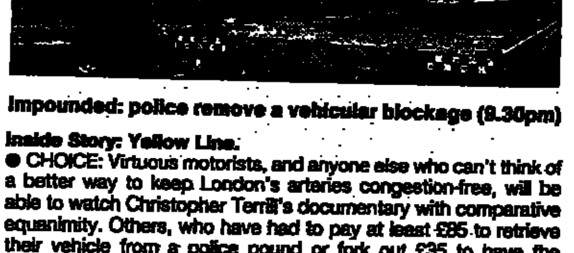


Impounded: police remove a vehicular blockage (9.30pm)

9.30 **Inside Story: Yellow Line.**
● CHOICE: Virtuous motorists, and anyone else who can't think of a better way to keep London's arteries congestion-free, will be able to watch Christopher Terrill's documentary with comparative equanimity. Others, who have had to pay at least £85 to retrieve their vehicle from a police pound or fork out £35 to have the dreaded clamp removed, will so vigorously nod their heads as they watch fellow victims hopelessly pleading their case ("I was only away for five minutes!" ... "There wasn't a yellow line!") that they run the risk of doing themselves a mischief. For such viewers, the decision to use *The Dam Busters* march over pictures of the clampers and towers-away setting out on yet another raid will be regarded as a debasement of music that was composed specifically to evoke the victory of good over evil, not the other way round. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Sportsnight** with Desmond Lynam. Golf: Steve Rider reports from Kiawah Island, South Carolina, previewing the Ryder Cup which begins of Friday; Football: highlights from the Skol cup semi-finals
11.10 **Film: Right of Way** (1983) starring Bette Davis, James Stewart and Melinda Dillon. A moving drama about an elderly couple who decide to end their lives together in a suicide pact after the wife learns she has a terminal illness. When they tell their daughter of their decision, she informs the authorities, who try to dissuade the couple from carrying out the pact. Directed by George Schaefer
12.55am **Weather**
NB (s) indicates stereo

6.45 **Open University:** Social Science Foundation Course. Ends at 7.35
8.00 **News**
8.15 **The Travel Show UK Mini Guides.** The King's Lynn area (r)
8.20 **English Journey.** Novelist Beryl Bainbridge travels to Stoke-on-Trent and Manchester (r)
9.00 **Daytime on Two.** Educational programmes
2.00 **News and weather** followed by **You and Me** (r) 2.15 **Medical Matters.** Trying to find a way of eradicating malaria
2.30 **Growing Places.** Geoffrey Smith visits North Cave, one of the north of England's outstanding gardens
2.35 **Country File.** A report on the 200-year-old Ordnance Survey (r)
3.00 **News and weather** followed by **Treasure!** A documentary about the discovery of 17th-century Spanish treasure buried in the Florida Keys 3.50 **News,** regional news and weather
4.00 **Up in the World** (1956, b/w) starring Norman Wisdom, Maureen Swanson, Lionel Jeffries and Jerry Desmonde. Typical comedy vehicle for Wisdom. He plays a window cleaner on a country estate who foils an attempt to kidnap the mischievous son of the household. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs
5.30 **John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate.** The *Radio Times*'s food columnist shows his eager amateur cooks how to prepare chicken with lemon honey dressing and summer fruits in dessert wine
6.00 **Star Trek: the Next Generation.** A simulated war game turns nasty when the Enterprise is ambushed. (Ceefax)
6.45 *DEF II* begins with **Theatre Challenge.** Aminatta Forna is backstage at the Royal National Theatre to meet the three youth theatre group finalists in the Lloyds Bank Theatre Challenge 7.30 **Gimme Eight.** Lisa I'Anson reviews the Canadian television programmes *YTV* and *Streetnoise*
8.00 **Building Sights.** Marina Warner on Didcot power station (r)

A fiction of psychological fulfilment: J.G. Ballard (8.10pm)

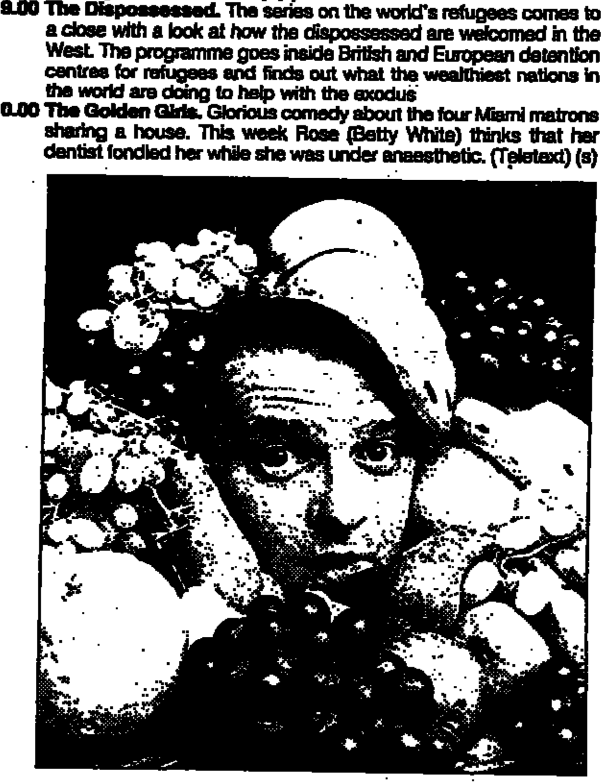
8.10 **Bookmark.**
● CHOICE: James Runcie's dissection of J.G. Ballard achieves to a startling degree much the same thing that the young Ballard, then studying medicine, was hoping to learn as he watched bodies being sliced up in the pathology lab — the basic truth about human beings. He has clearly found answers to some of the "huge unresolved set of questions" he brought back to England when he left China in the 1940s. The *Bookmark* cameras dog his steps tonight when he returns to the Shanghai of *Empire of the Sun* and its recent sequel *The Kindness of Women*, extracts from which are visually projected tonight with actors playing Ballard. The real Ballard calls the return visit to China a settling of account, a coming to terms with the dreams that have sustained him for the past 45 years in England. All his fiction, he says, is a fiction of psychological fulfilment. This compelling documentary would appear to serve the same purpose
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** Klinger ends up in the clink when he is accused of stealing Hawkeye's new camera (r)
9.25 **The Men's Room.**
● CHOICE: "'Are you hungry?'", the university's womanising sociology professor (Bill Nighy) asks the clearly infatuated research officer (Harriet Walter) over lunchtime drinks. Hungry is what the married woman certainly is, and the dream sequence which opens this serialisation of the Ann Oakley novel — sexual encounters of the usual kind, and roaring around as pillion passenger on a motor-cycle driven by a male virility symbol — leaves us in no doubt about what it is she is hungry for. This is not the only erotic *double-entendre* in Laura Lamson's adaptation of a book that, as the weeks progress, will doubtless yield many more. Let's hope they are more subtle than the one used when Ms Walter is introduced to Mr Nighy tonight: "She needs an internal examiner." But once we start looking for sexual innuendo in *The Men's Room*, there's no end to the game. The last shot tonight has Ms Walter extracting a male effigy from a doll's house wardrobe. A fleshed-out skeleton in her own cupboard maybe? (Ceefax)
10.15 **Fifth Column.** A new series begins with writer Minette Marrin talking about her change of heart over the feminist movement
10.25 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour party
10.35 **Newsnight** with Peter Snow
11.20 **The Late Show.** Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2, interviews Mel Brooks about his latest film *Life Stinks* 12.00 **Weather**
NB (s) indicates stereo

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Runway.** Quiz game with holidays as prizes, presented by Richard Madeley (s) 9.55 **Thames News** and weather
10.00 **The Time . . . the Place . . .** Topical discussion series chaired by Mike Scott
10.40 **This Morning.** Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather
12.10 **Allsorts.** Entertainment for the young (r)
12.30 **News** with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 **Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle) 1.50 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s)
2.20 **Take the High Road.** Soap set in the Highlands 2.50 **Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades chaired by Michael Parkinson (s)
3.15 **ITN News** headlines 3.20 **Thames News** headlines 3.25 **The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital
3.55 **Grotbags** (s) 4.15 **Garfield and Friends** (r) 4.40 **Woof!** Children's serial about a boy who turns into a dog at unexpected times. (Oracle) (s)
5.10 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers
5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley continues her week's series on obsessive compulsive disorder
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle)
6.30 **Thames News.** (Oracle)
7.00 **Never the Twain.** Vince Powell's comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antiques dealers. (Oracle) (s)
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)
8.00 **Film: Old Scores** (1991).
● CHOICE: Comedy drama? Old Boys' Reunion? Or, as one of the characters in Dean Parker's and Greg McGee's screenplay says, "bloody lunacy"? *Old Scores* is all three actually, with fantasy mixed in. What we are asked to swallow is this: a quarter of a century ago, Wales beat the All Blacks in Cardiff. Then, shock, horror. The linesman confesses on his death bed that he cheated by allowing a Welsh try. Nothing for it: the match must be replayed. The two teams — older now, beefier, and creakier — are reassembled, and the battle is re-fought on the turf that is to Wales rugby fans what Mecca is to Muslims. *Old Scores* may not appeal to anyone who does not believe, with the Welsh, that rugby is a religion. But for those who do, there is the unspeakable delight of seeing some of yesterday's Welsh giants such as Barry John, Gareth Edwards and Gerald Davies and All Blacks legends such as Waka Nathan and Graham Thorne, in action again, albeit supporting real actors such as Windsor Davies and Glyn Houston. (Oracle)

Replay: All Blacks legends Nathan, left, Thorne, right (8.00pm)

10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour party
10.10 **News** with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather 10.40 **Thames News** and weather
10.50 **Thames Sport Special** introduced by Nick Owen. Football: highlights from the Rumbelows Cup second round, first leg matches; Boxing: a preview of next week's bout between Lennox Lewis and Glenn McCrory; and a review of Saturday's brutal encounter between Michael Watson and Chris Eubank
12.15am **Film: The Next Man** (1976) starring Sean Connery and Cornelia Sharpe. A political thriller about a hired killer contracted to murder a senior Saudi Arabian official in New York. Directed by Richard Serafian
2.15 **America's Top Ten** (s)
2.40 **Videofashion.** Style from around the world
3.10 **Quiz Night.** Pub and club quiz competition
3.40 **Books By My Bedside.** In the first of a new series Brough Scott asks Alan Price what he is currently reading
4.10 **Yacht Racing.** Action from the Admiral's cup
4.40 **Fifty Years On** (b/w). Archive newreel from September 1941
5.00 **Witness to Survival.** Two more stories of people who survived against all the odds
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Tim Neilson
NB (s) indicates stereo

6.00 **The Channel 4 Daily**
9.25 **Schools**
12.00 **Stolen Childhood.** This, the third of five programmes originally made to mark the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child, focuses on 12-year-old Manuel who goes to school in the capital of Nicaragua, Managua (r)
12.30 **Business Daily** with Susannah Simons
1.00 **Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series from the United States
2.00 **Film: The Rake's Progress** (1945, b/w) starring Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer. Polished and lighthearted look at the career of a wastrel during the Thirties, ending with his emergence as a hero in the second world war. Directed by Sidney Gilliat
4.15 **Ali Baba.** Animation from Italy
4.30 **Countdown.** Another round of the words and numbers game, presented by Richard Whiteley
5.00 **Willo the Wisp.** Cartoon series set in a ghotly forest
5.05 **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** Robin Givens, the former wife of boxer Mike Tyson, talks about her marriage and her role in the film *A Rage in Harlem.* Also on the show are her co-star Gregory Hines and the film's producer Bill Dukes
6.00 **Kate and Allie.** Comedy series about two divorcées who share a Greenwich Village home and single parenthood. Starring Jane Curtin and Susan Saint James
6.30 **sixthirtysomething** presented by Maria McErlane and Ann Bryson. With Mel Brooks, Robin Givens, the former wife of Mike Tyson, who talks about her latest film *Rage in Harlem*, and Kate O'Mara who discusses her semi-autobiographical novel *When She Was Bad.* Plus a preview of Alan Parker's new film *The Commitments*
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 **Comment**
8.00 **Brookside.** Merseyside soap set in a close. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 **Check Out 91.** This last in the series of the consumer magazine investigates aircraft safety (s)
9.00 **The Dispossessed.** The series on the world's refugees comes to a close with a look at how the dispossessed are welcomed in the West. The programme goes inside British and European detention centres for refugees and finds out what the wealthiest nations in the world are doing to help with the exodus
10.00 **The Golden Girls.** Glorious comedy about the four Miami matrons sharing a house. This week Rose (Betty White) thinks that her dentist fondled her while she was under anaesthetic. (Teletext) (s)



Pick of the bunch: surreal comedy from Paul Merton (10.30pm)

10.30 **Paul Merton — the Series.** The first of a new six-part series starring comedian Paul Merton who came to the fore in *Whose Line is it Anyway?* and *Have I Got News For You*
11.00 **Film: Zardoz** (1973) starring Sean Connery and Charlotte Rampling. Unusually intelligent science fiction thriller set in the year 2293, when immortality has led to over-rationalisation and boredom, and the Earth is a wasteland in which the ferocious Brutals are ruled by a few Exterminators who have both memory and intelligence. Directed by John Boorman
1.00am **Frank's Place.** A somewhat obscure time slot for the comedy about a staid Boston professor who inherits a swinging New Orleans restaurant. Ends at 1.25

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 10.50-12.15 Midweek Sport

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 One to One 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 Soccer Night 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.50 Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 10.50 Central Sports Special 12.15 Film: Big City 1.45 Philip Marlowe: Private Eye 2.45 Film: Behind the Headlines* 4.00 Special Squad 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm- 5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 For Adults Only 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.50 Granada Soccer Night 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50-12.15 Central Sports Special

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.50-12.15 Top Sport

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Coming of Age 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Roseidean Gu Leor 10.50 Film: Klute 12.55 Donahue 1.50 Coach 2.20 Artworks 3.20 Film: One Night at the Music Hall 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 The TSW Midweek Match 11.45 Jack Thompson Down Under 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50-12.15 Midweek Sport

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Chef's Apprentice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 The Back Page 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's the Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 Sportsweek 12.15 Hardball 1.10 Donahue 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun 4.25 About Britain 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.30 Your Match 11.30 The Equalizer 12.45 The Twilight Zone 1.30 Coach 2.0 Quiz Night 2.30 American Gladiator 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 The Big 8 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Anton Mosimann, Naturally 2.30 Film: The Passing of the Third Floor Back* 4.15 Way to the Top 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Os Mets 8.00 Without Walls, The Thing Is...Animal 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Grand Prix Mewn Pictiwrs 9.25 Film: Silence Like Glass 11.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back 11.50 Cheers 12.20 The *Dispossessed* 1.30 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 Camera — *Early Photography* 2.00 The Cedar Tree 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Father Brown 5.25 Out of Limits 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No 1 7.25 Cartoon Time 7.35 Life Goes On 8.30 Changing Places 9.00 News 9.30 Bibi 10.30 Midnight Caller 11.20 News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.05 Gentle Ben 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Blackboard Jungle 8.30 Perfect Strangers 9.00 Up the Garden Path 9.25 News 9.30 Dempsey and Makepeace 10.25 The Nissan International Classic 11.15 News 11.40 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Candid Camera 8.00 Alien Nation 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Twist in the Tale 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Barney Miller 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World — The Countryside Show 4.30 Fashion TV 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Fashion TV 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 6.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 The House of Dies Drear: A professor moves into a haunted house
12.00 Words by Heart (1986): A black family faces bigotry at the turn of the century
2.00pm Field of Dreams (1989): Farmer Kevin Costner builds a baseball pitch
4.00 The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes's Smarter Brother (1975): A spoof of the Conan Doyle detective stories
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Runaway Heart (1990): An unhappy mother is kidnapped by a bank robber, and falls in love with him. Starring Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry
8.00 Howard Beach: Making the Case for Murder (1989). Daniel J Travanti of *Hill Street Blues* stars as a prosecuting attorney in the true story of the murder of a black youth in the predominantly white, Italian district of Queens in New York
10.00 Lady Chatterley's Lover (1982): *Emmanuelle*'s Sylvia Kristel stars as D.H. Lawrence's erotic heroine
11.45 The Dead Pool (1988): *Dirty Harry* film, starring Clint Eastwood
1.20am The Unholy (1988): A New Orleans priest (Ben Cross) fights a demon that is killing members of his parish
2.55 Alphabet City (1984): A drug baron (Vincent Spano) decides to go straight
4.20 The *Return of the Swamp Thing* (1989): Heather Locklear investigates her mother's death with the comic-book half-man, half vegetable superhero. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Plainsman (1936, b/w): Western about Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane
8.15 The *Little Prince* (1974): Musical adaptation of the fable about a prince from outer space
10.15 The Rising of the Moon (1957): A trilogy of Irish stories
12.15pm Now and Forever (1956): A London schoolgirl falls in love with a garage attendant. Starring Janette Scott
1.55 The Wiz (1978): All-black version of *The Wizard of Oz.* Starring Diana Ross
4.15 Johnny and the Wicked Giant (1961): Cartoon adventure in which a group of Boy Scouts investigates a mysterious castle
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 Kid Galahad (1962): Elvis Presley stars as a prize-fighting boxer in a musical remake of the 1937 classic
8.15 In Country (1989): Emily Lloyd befriends her alcoholic uncle Bruce Willis to find out more about her father, who died during the Vietnam war
10.15 The Postman Always Rings Twice (1981): A drifter (Jack Nicholson) conspires with a frustrated housewife (Jessica Lange) to murder her husband
12.20am Rooftops (1989): A modern-day reworking of *West Side Story*
1.55 Sweet Heart's Dance: Comedy drama about two high school sweethearts
3.35 Comes a Horseman (1978): Ranchers Jane Fonda and James Caan fight cattle baron Jason Robards. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 German Touring Cars 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 Watersports World 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 American Sports Cavalcade 12.00 Italian League Football 2.00pm The Footballer's Football Show 3.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 4.00 German Touring Cars 5.00 World of Adventure — 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 Wheels 7.00 Live Football: Skol Cup Semi-Final 9.30 Netbusters 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 Pro-Celebrity Golf 1.00am Netbusters 1.30 Football: Skol Cup Semi-Final

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Nations Motocross 3.00 Tennis 4.00 Golf: Women's British Open 5.00 Mountain Bike World Championships 5.30 Wrestling 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Triathlon 9.00 Karting World Championships 10.00 Nations Motocross 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 British Formula 3 Championships 8.00 Spanish Football Highlights 8.30 Gatorade Challenge 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop-Four-Man Beach Volleyball 11.00 World Snooker Classics: European Masters — Davis v Drago 1.00pm Golf 2.00 Equestrian 3.00 Pro Superbike 3.30 Sport de France 4.00 Basketball 5.00 Stop-Supercross 6.00 College Football 7.00 Rugby World Cup: Scotland v Romania 8.00 All Japan F3000 Championships 9.00 Motor Sport Nascar 10.00 Major League Baseball 12.00 Basketball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of the Night 2.05 Afternoon Cinema: Weekend with Kate (1990) 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

6.35-6.55am **Open University** (FM only)
6.55 **Weather; News Headlines**
7.00 **Morning Concert:** Haydn (Symphony No 22 in E flat, Philosopher: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood)
7.30 **News**
7.35 **Morning Concert** (cont): Handel (Solomon, Act 2 conclusion: Monteverdi Choir, with Joan Rodgers, soprano, English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Grace Williams (Penillion: RPO under Groves); Sullivan (When I Went to the Bar as a Very Young Man, Iolanthe); Walton (Ballet suite, The Wise Virgins: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomson)
8.30 **News**
8.35 **Composers of the Week:** Brahms. Hungarian Dance No 21 in E minor (Vienna PO under Claudio Abbado); Liebeslieder, Op 52 Nos 9-16 (Edith Mathis, soprano, Brigitte Fassbaender, alto, Peter Schreier, tenor, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone); Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34 (Guarneri Quartet, with Artur Rubinstein, piano); Die Mainacht, Op 43 No 2 (Brigitte Fassbaender, alto, Irwin Gage, piano)
9.35 **Midweek Choice,** with Susan Sharpe. George Dyson (Suite, The Canterbury Pilgrims: RPO under David Willcocks, with Jane Watts, organ, Osian Ellis, harp); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 5 in D, K 175: Alfred Brendel; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner); Elgar (Scenes from the Bavarian Highlands, Op 27: CBSO Chorus under Simon Halsey, with Richard Markham, piano); Ives (Orchestra Set No 2: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Tilson Thomas); Jacques Charpentier (L'Ange à la Trompette: Ronald Perrin, organ); Holst (Japanese Suite: London Symphony Orchestra under Adrian Boult); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80: David Oistrakh, violin, Sviatoslav Richter, piano); Bayer (Ballet music, Die Puppenfee: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Kempe)
12.00 **Rachmaninov** (Symphony No 2: BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton) (r)
1.00pm **News**
1.05 **Concert Hall:** Live from Broadcasting House, London. Coull Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, K 458, Hunt); Prokofiev (String Quartet No 1, Op 50)
2.00 **Record Review** (r)
3.10 **Vintage Years:** Boston Symphony Orchestra under Charles Munch performs Berlioz (Overture, Le Carnival romain); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 3 in C minor, Organ)
4.00 **Choral Evensong** live from the Chapel of Winchester College
5.00 **Tango!** The Argentinian composer Alejandro Viñao explores the Buenos Aires tango from the 1920s to the present day
5.30 **Mainly for Pleasure,** with Janet Alexander
7.00 **News**
7.05 **Third Ear,** with David Roper
7.30 **Music for Piano Duet:** Christoph Eschenbach and Justus Frantz play Mozart (Sonata in C, K 19b)
7.45 **The Czech Philharmonic Plays Dvořák:** Live from the Barbican Hall, London. In the second of three programmes, Jiří Bělohlávek conducts Overture, My Homeland, Op 62; Piano Concerto in G minor, Op 33: Garrick Ohlsson. 8.35 John Tyrrell introduces Dvořák's correspondence from the New World (r). 8.55 Symphony No 9 in E minor, Op 95, From the New World
9.45 **The Gang That Fell Apart:** The Evening Shadows. Anthony Howard traces the history of the Social Democratic party. Labour fights back, the struggle with the Liberals over defence, electoral losses, merger, split and demise
10.30 **Benedetto Marcello:** Chiaroscuro under Nigel Rogers performs the first of two programmes of psalm settings in Italian paraphrases from Marcello's collection *Estro Poetico Armonico, Venice 1724-6*, including a contemporary English version of Psalm 11, In the Lord My God Put I My Trust
11.30 **News**
11.35-12.35am **Composers of the Week:** Fauré (Dolly Suite, Op 56; Nocturne No 6 in D flat, Op 63; Piano Quintet No 1, Op 89) (r)
1.00-2.25 **Night School** (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast** 6.00 **News Briefing,** incl 6.03 **Weather** 6.10 **Farming Today** 6.25 **Prayer for the Day** 6.30 **Today,** incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 **News** 6.55, 7.55 **Weather** 8.43 **The Old Left:** Written and read by Daniel Menaker (2 of 7) (s) 8.58 **Weather**
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Midweek**
10.00-10.30am **Best Behaviour** (FM only): Everyday Manners
10.00 **News; Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Bible** (LW only): Genesis. Read by John Gielgud (s)
10.30 **Woman's Hour** examines why men wear ties
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time** (r)
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Crown Papers**
● CHOICE: England's aristocracy, this time of Kentish origin, is again delineated for us as writers Peter Ling and Juliet Ace trace the fortunes of the Minster family between 1933 and 1937 to a background of great events, including a king's death and the abdication crisis. Lady Minster (Dinah Sheridan) is an "occasional" lady-in-waiting to Queen Mary, her husband stays mainly in the country and their eldest son Richard marries a former chorus girl. But will he settle down with her? All this should flutter the manorial dovecotes while providing entertaining lunchtime fare for listeners (s) 12.55 **Weather**
1.00 **The World at One**
1.35 **Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour party
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 **Shipping**
2.00 **News; Posters of Montmartre:** Footitt and Chocolat. The second of four plays by John Peacock based on the characters in Toulouse-Lautrec's posters
2.47 **Treasure Islands:** Jill Burridge visits the first Arts Council summer school on children's literature
3.00 **News; Relative Values:** The Askews (s) (r)
3.42 **Encounters:** Christopher Cook dips into the BBC sound archives to find out about the great figures of the past
4.00 **News**
4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Mark Steyn reviews new film releases, including Kursawa's *Rhapsody in August* and Istvan Szabo's *Meeting Venus*, starring Glenn Close (s)
4.45 **Short Story:** Ritual in the Olive Grove, by Glyn Hughes. Geoffrey Wheeler reads the third of five stories written by poets
5.00 **News; PM** 5.50 **Shipping Forecast** 5.55 **Weather**
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Round Britain Quiz:** Geographical quiz with the resident London team Irene Thomas and Eric Korn and the north's Paul Barker and Margaret Lesser (s) (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Face the Facts,** with John Waite
7.45 **All in the Mind** (r)
8.15 **Present Imperfect:** Resting on Our Laurels? The first of three programmes in which Roy Strong searches for the heritage that Britain will leave from the 20th century (r)
8.45 **In Business.** The Channel Tunnel — the Ultimate Pipe Dream? Nigel Cassidy asks who will benefit when the Channel Tunnel opens (s)
9.15 **Joining the Cubs:** A Funny Old Universe. Mark Lawson, now a critic on *The Independent*, recalls the first tentative steps he took in his career (2 of 6)
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (s) (r)
9.45 **The Financial World Tonight** (s) 9.59 **Weather**
10.00 **The World Tonight** (s)
10.45 **A Book at Bedtime:** Turning Back the Sun, by Colin Thubron. Read by Ian Holm (3 of 10)
11.00 **Homeward Bound.** One for Bunny. The first of four programmes in which Harry Thompson explores the way it was for women (s) (r)
11.30 **The Birth of Europe:** Power and Prestige — the Very First Goldfinger. Peter France discovers how gold and jewellery became associated with power and prestige in European society (3 of 5) (r)
12.00 **News,** incl 12.27am **Weather** 12.33 **Shipping Forecast** 12.43 **World Service** (LW only)

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Women still battling for a fairer deal in British workforce

By Bill Frost

WOMEN make up a higher proportion of the workforce in Britain than in any European Community country except Denmark. But the earnings gap between the sexes is wider in Britain, according to a statistical survey by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The commission also discovered that maternity rights were more restrictive in Britain than in other EC countries, and that women received a lower level of job training than men.

Male predominance continued at almost every level of management, with only between 1 per cent and 2 per cent of women occupying senior posts. For example, women made up 59 per cent of banking and financial services staff in 1989, but less than 25 per cent held managerial jobs.

Joanna Foster, the commission chairman, which reports its annual findings today, said: "Once again, we see so graphically that women's experience and skills are still underutilised and under-valued. Women continue to get less and a lower level of training, less pay and fewer senior jobs than men, and as compared to other women in the European Community, they fare badly on maternity rights and access to child care."

Last year women who worked full-time earned on average 77 per cent of the hourly wage paid to their male colleagues. Men had greater access to overtime and other additional payments, the review found. In addition, men occupied higher positions than their female counterparts in both manual and non-manual occupations.

A higher number of women (4.8 million) and men (801,000) worked part-time in Britain than in all other EC countries. Nine out of ten female part-time workers were employed in the service industries, with 829,000 working in retailing.

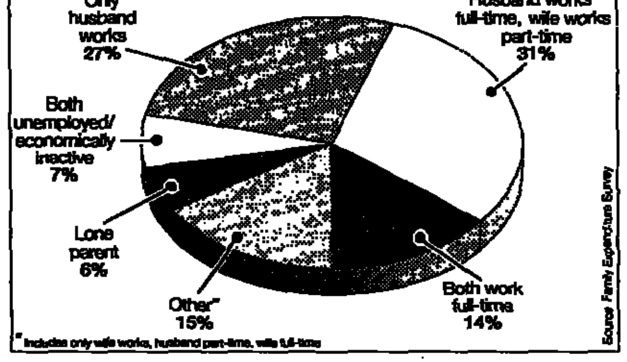
In the service industries and the health service, where women made up 81 per cent of employees in 1989, men were more likely to receive training.

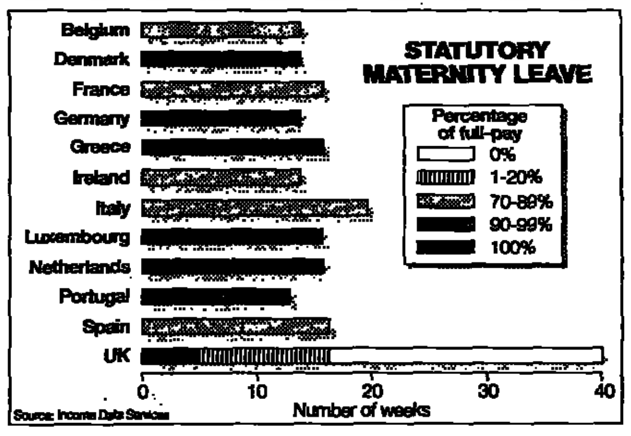
The period of maternity leave — 11 weeks before birth and 29 weeks after delivery — was exceptionally long in Britain, the commission said. In five EC countries — Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Portugal — mothers were entitled to 100 per cent of earnings between 13 and 16 weeks. In the six other nations they received 70 per cent of their pay throughout the maternity period — a minimum of 14 weeks. In Britain, women were entitled to 90 per cent of their earnings for six weeks, but for the next three months they received a low flat-rate payment.

The commission is to submit an "agenda for equality" to MPs next month in an attempt to ensure that women's employment rights feature in the general election campaign. The list includes uprating child benefit, better training programmes and improved child care provision.

Women and Men in Britain 1991 (Equal Opportunities Commission; £9.95).

Continental drift, page 12





Britain may block EC treaty

Continued from page 1

Germany's request for more powers for the European Parliament is met. The prime minister's dilemma was underlined by the welcome given by Mr Heath to the Dutch plan. "The opponents cannot have it both ways. They can't say that the European Community is undemocratic, dictatorial, authoritarian, and then at the same time deny the European Parliament the powers so as to become more democratic," he said in a radio interview.

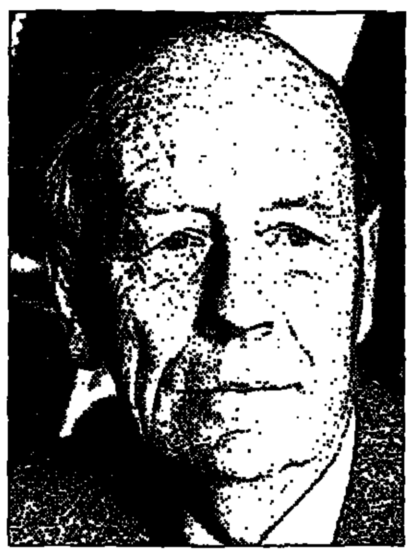
Mr Heath dismissed Mrs Thatcher's strongly anti-federalist speech in Washington early yesterday as "so remote from reality as to be unbelievable by anybody". Mrs Thatcher had criticised moves towards a federal Europe and given a warning that it would cripple the foreign policies of EC nations. She said it would lead to a "Fortress Europe" with instability in trade. Speaking in Washington, Mrs Thatcher called for an Atlantic economic community to "spread prosperity and political stability".

William Cash, MP for Stafford, said: "The proposals for co-decision for the European Parliament would destroy the Westminster Parliament."

Leading article, page 15

How the Booker Prize six line up

Timothy Mo: *The Redundancy of Courage*, a powerful political faction about East Timor's 16-year-old struggle for independence, with a nightmare brew of hunger and heroism and napalm and excrement, in fiction that trespasses into the headlines that don't get written about a forgotten corner of the world. Our reviewer called it "a severely impressive novel". Mo, a Chinese-Englishman, has been on the Booker shortlist twice before.

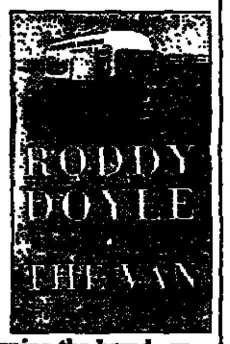


William Trevor, *Two Lives*, two novellas in one book. The first one, "Reading Turgenev", is in classic County Trevor land of a loneliness and frustration in Ireland in the Fifties, where a frustrated virgin finds brief romance. Our reviewer said: "'Reading Turgenev' immediately joins the honourable company of classic fiction as a permanent member." William Trevor is the grand old novelist laureate of Irish despair. On the Booker shortlist once before.

Martin Amis: *Time's Arrow*, the story of a man told versy-arsy backwards, from his death in America to his birth in Germany, covering the bleeding traumas and uproars of the century, and plunging into the Holocaust. Our review said: "Front to back novel irritating deeply and flawed but clever." Martin Amis is the novelist son of a novelist father, Kingsley. A a hero of the young postmodernist tricksy and lavatorial schools of fiction.

Rohinton Mistry: *Such a Long Journey*, a first novel set in Bombay against the backdrop of war and the birth of Bangladesh. The conflict impinges on the life of a gentle, ordinary man, who comes to accept that he is not in control of events in his family or the world. It is his manner of enduring these trials that is his triumph. Our reviewer said: "Out of India yet another bright new talent who can make the universal out of the particular."

Ben Okri: *The Famished Road*, the story of a "spirit child" in West Africa, who adventures through a world where reality and vision blur, as he sees his contemporaries through eyes as wildly innocent as a child of African Lilliput. Our reviewer said: "Okri has a marvellously marketplace talent for telling tales, and for getting inside the skin of all sorts and conditions of men and women and children."



Roddy Doyle: *The Van*, the story of the seedy Rabbitte family in Dublin, who invest in a decrepit fish-and-chip van, a tender tale of male friendship, swimming in grease and stained in ketchup. Our reviewer spoke of Doyle's "astonishing talent for turning the humdrum into high comedy". Roddy Doyle, who is 33, was born in Dublin, and is the author of two previous funny novels and two plays.

Heseltine rejects council chiefs' cash plea

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

THE government yesterday underlined its determination to keep public spending under tight control in the run-up to the election. Council leaders who were demanding £2.2 billion over and above the planned 7.2 per cent increase for local government next year were sent away empty handed by ministers.

Only 24 hours after the leak of a Treasury letter warning the government of possible tax increases if Whitehall bids for extra cash are not reduced drastically, Michael Heseltine and ministerial colleagues insisted that there could be no concessions to town and county halls.

The environment secretary also refused to relax the rule requiring students and people on income support to pay a fifth of the community charge. Earlier in the summer, Mr Heseltine lost the first round of his battle with the Treasury to scrap the rule. It would cost £400 million to wipe out the charge for the poorest four million people. Their benefits have been uprated to take account of their liability for the community charge, but it would be politically hazardous for the Treasury to try to claw back the money.

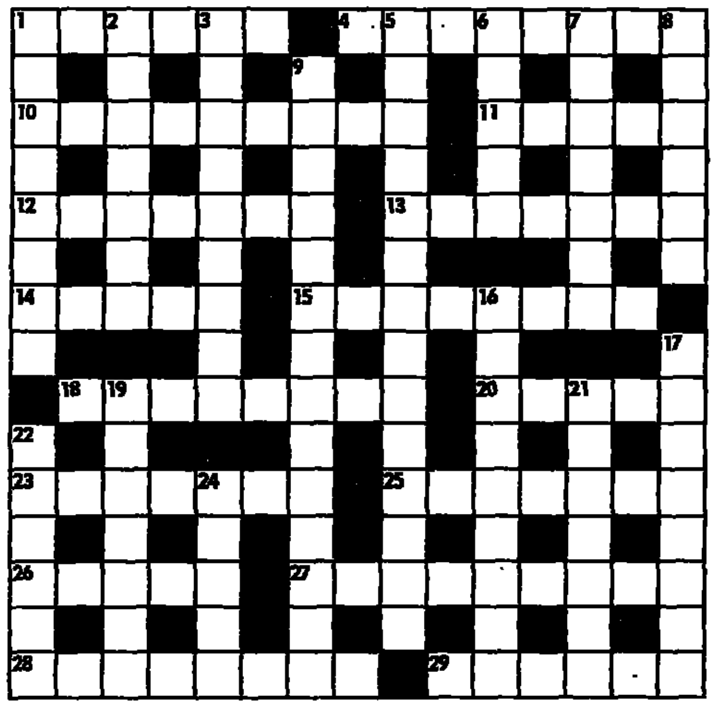
Council chiefs have argued that the rule was absurd because it costs far more to collect small sums than is gained from the revenue raised. Ministers said that to retreat now would be unfair to those who had been paying their bills.

Councillors also highlighted the increasing difficulties of collecting the poll tax, arguing that relieving them of the duty to pursue the poorest non-payers would give them more time to chase those liable for much larger amounts.

Mr Heseltine is understood to be under pressure from ministers in other spending departments for failing to win more money in the local government settlement announced in July. They are worried that the planned increase of 7.2 per cent in total local authority spending — equal to less than 5 per cent above actual spending levels this year — could be the pretext for politically damaging cuts by Labour councils.

Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Association of London Authorities, said that she expected cuts in services, perhaps as deep as 5 per cent.

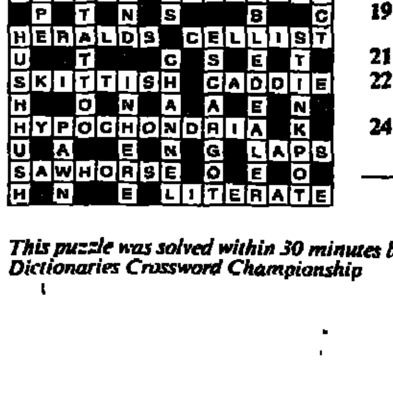
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,720



ACROSS
1 Outsiders in the jazz quartet (6).
4 Help one gets, for a start, in front of better (8).
10 Food from the interior of France — it's so flaky (9).
11 Spirits in the very first verse? (5).
12 Powerful relation (7).
13 Something followed by death — female appearing near end (7).
14 Head of French state in Italian resort (5).
15 Beats tiger heartlessly, and other wild cats (8).
18 Ringmaster introduces turn — man driving horses? (8).
20 Interval for players making a score of 100, for example (5).
23 English trees rot! (7).
25 Capture back with rook — that's mate (7).
26 Unsuitable for paint work (5).
27 Mixture of races in a melting-pot, originally (9).
28 60's youth getting inspiration for love lyrics? Not so fast! (8).
29 Girl in Rome would put sex before love, to be permissive (6).

DOWN
1 How to send messages, in a moment, on the course (4-4).
2 Baggage gets to writer out East (7).
3 Roasting very long fish (9).
5 One whose work is self-explanatory? (14).
6 Name a god that's strangely composed (5).
7 Shell that is doing for a non-combatant (7).
8 Times at the top in 1979 and 1987, for example (6).
9 As trapeze artist may need to be, unlike thief (6,2,3,3).
16 Stupidly take it with ten, if without king — or queen (9).
17 Keen to have stringed instruments in band (5-3).
19 A learner taken in by, say, imperial French scholar (7).
21 Bird's two followers (7).
22 He and I joining university, in position of control (6).
24 Wine essential for seasonal oysters removed from bed (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,719



Concise Crossword, page 17

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 14 of the 19 competitiors in the 1991 national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

DEVVEL
a. A printer's apprentice
b. To disrobe
c. A hard blow

SQUACCO
a. Italian squash rackets
b. An illegal immigrant
c. A small crested heron

TELEGA
a. An Indian language
b. Long-distance satellite computer
c. A springless wagon

SMARAGD
a. A dragon
b. With ragged hem
c. The emerald

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

The South-East and the Channel Islands are likely to start off cloudy with outbreaks of rain but brighter, showery weather will spread from the North-West. The rest of the British Isles will have a showery day with the heaviest showers in the West where there could be hail and thunder. However, most places, especially eastern areas, should see glimpses of the sun. Outlook: sunshine and showers

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Madrid	28	82	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	26	79	f
Algiers	30	86	s	Malta	27	81	f
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Athens	27	81	s	Mexico C*	17	63	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bangkok	30	86	t	Milan	24	75	c
Barbads*	31	88	s	Montreal*	13	55	d
Barcelna	26	79	s	Moscow	13	55	f
Beirut	26	79	f	Munich	21	70	s
Belgrade	20	68	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Berlin	19	66	c	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Biarritz	26	79	s	N York*	19	66	r
Borde'x	25	77	s	Nice	26	79	s
Brussels	22	72	s	Oslo	12	54	s
Budapst	20	68	s	Paris	20	68	c
B Aires*	17	63	s	Peking	22	72	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	19	66	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Prague	17	63	c
Chicago*	17	63	s	Reykjavik	7	45	s
Ch'church	13	55	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	20	68	c	Rio de J	25	77	f
C'phagn	17	63	c	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	22	72	r	Rome	26	79	s
Dublin	14	57	f	Salzburg	20	68	s
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Faro	25	77	f	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	27	81	s	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Frankfurt	19	66	c	Seoul	23	73	s
Funchal	24	75	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	19	66	s	St'kholm	10	50	r
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Helsinki	12	54	c	Sydney	17	63	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tangier	25	77	f
Innsbrck	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	f
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	26	79	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	16	61	f
Karachi	31	88	f	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	29	84	s
Le Tquet	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Lisbon	21	70	f	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	22	72	s	Vienna	20	68	s
London	15	59	r	Warsaw	18	64	f
L Angels*	26	79	s	Wash'ton*	18	64	r
Luxembg	16	61	d	Wel'nton	14	57	s
Luxor	35	95	s	Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes figures are latest available

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Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	14.05	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.138	1.068
Italy Lira	2285.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	247.00	229.00
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	11.97	11.17
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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.76 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.2 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.4	.31	12	54	rain
Anglesey	1.7	.05	19	66	rain
Aviemore	0.1	.24	11	52	rain
Belfast	0.3	.06	18	64	rain
Birmingham	0.6	.01	20	68	shower
Blackpool	3.7	.26	18	64	rain
Bognor Regis	0.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.6	.02	20	68	drizzle
Bristol	0.8	.02	19	66	drizzle
Buxton	-	.13	16	61	rain
Cardiff	-	.09	18	64	cloudy
Clacton	0.9	.01	17	63	cloudy
Cromer	0.9	.02	16	61	rain
Douglas	0.5	.26	18	64	shower
Eastbourne	0.6	.01	18	64	rain
Edinburgh	-	.02	15	59	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.35	15	59	rain
Exmouth	3.2	-	21	70	bright
Folkestone	1.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Guernsey	0.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Hastings	0.1	.04	17	63	rain
Hunstanton	-	.02	17	63	dull
Jersey	-	.04	18	64	drizzle
Kinloss	1.0	.24	13	55	rain
Leeds	0.1	.02	18	64	drizzle
Lerwick	7.0	.23	12	54	bright
Littlehampton	1.0	-	20	68	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Minehead	2.8	.01	21	70	bright
Morecambe	0.6	.20	17	63	rain
Newcastle	-	.01	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	1.2	-	19	66	drizzle
Penzance	1.1	.14	20	68	rain
Poole	0.7	.01	20	68	drizzle
Salcombe	3.8	.11	20	68	bright
Sandown	1.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Scarborough	1.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.04	18	64	dull
Shanklin	1.3	.03	18	64	drizzle
St Ives	4.1	.05	19	66	cloudy
Stornoway	-	.31	12	54	rain
Swanage	2.2	-	19	66	bright
Teignmouth	4.3	-	22	72	bright
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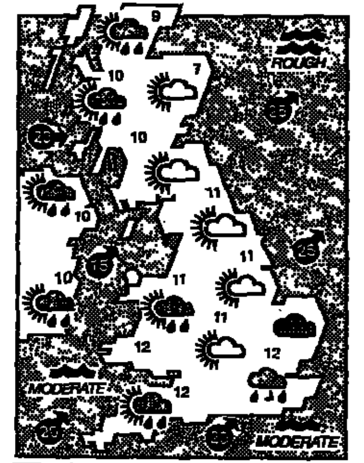

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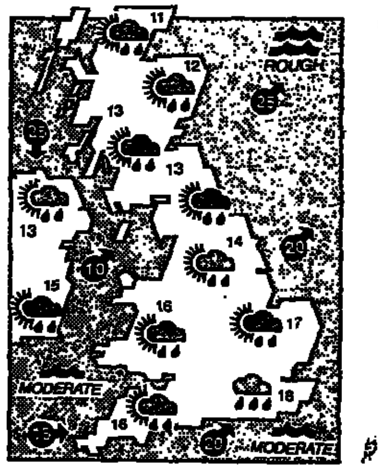

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.53 pm to 6.52 am
Bristol 7.03 pm to 7.02 am
Edinburgh 7.05 pm to 7.05 am
Manchester 7.02 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 7.15 pm to 7.14 am

Sun rises: 6.51 am
Sun sets: 6.53 pm
Moon sets 8.48 am
Moon rises 6.55 pm

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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.1 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	r	Guernsey	19	66	f
B'rmgham	17	63	f	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	20	68	s
Bristol	15	59	r	London	15	59	r
Cardiff	16	61	c	M'nchster	16	61	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	15	59	s
Glasgow	10	50	r	R'nldsway	14	57	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.56 in; highest sunshine, Lerwick Shetland, 7.0 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.23	7.1	3.32	7.2	Liverpool	12.30	9.5	12.49	9.3
Aberdeen	2.30	4.4	3.04	4.2	Lowestoft	10.54	2.6	11.31	2.4
Avonmouth	8.48	13.2	9.05	13.4	Margate	1.27	4.7	1.27	4.9
Belfast	12.05	3.4	12.29	3.3	Milford Haven	7.45	7.0	8.02	7.2
Cardiff	8.33	12.2	8.50	12.4	Newquay	6.35	7.0	6.52	7.2
Devonport	7.40	5.5	7.55	5.6	Oban	7.12	4.0	7.30	4.2
Dover	12.15	6.6	12.30	6.8	Penzance	6.38	5.6	6.54	5.7
Falmouth	7.10	5.3	7.25	5.4	Portland	8.43	2.3	8.59	2.3
Glasgow	2.23	4.8	2.39	4.8	Portsmouth	12.36	4.6	12.58	4.7
Harwich	1.21	4.1	1.31	4.1	Shoreham	12.23	6.1	12.47	6.2
Holyhead	11.48	5.5			Southampton	12.10	4.5	12.31	4.6
Hull	7.45	7.8	8.10	7.4	Swansea	7.48	9.6	8.06	9.7
Ilfracombe	7.29	9.2	7.48	9.3	Tees	4.56	5.5	5.24	5.3
King's Lynn	7.54	6.8	8.23	6.6	W'ton-on-Nze	1.12	4.3	1.22	4.3
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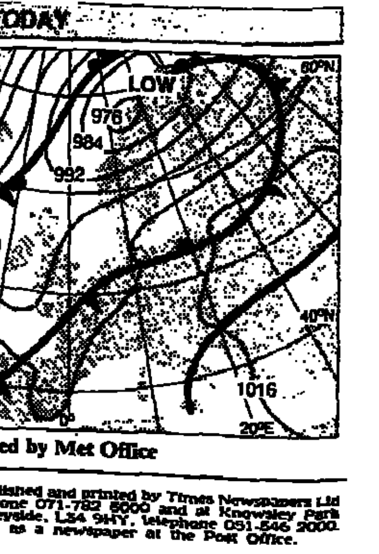

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Business Editor
John Bell

Shares fall in Maxwell interests

SHARES in Maxwell Communication Corporation and Mirror Group Newspapers fell on the London Stock Exchange in the wake of Monday night's BBC *Panorama* programme, which criticised Robert Maxwell, chairman of both companies, over the conduct of competitions in the *Daily Mirror*, and examined the finances and conduct of Mr Maxwell's business interests.

MCC shares fell 6.5p to 163.5p, making a fall of 10p in two days. Mirror Group shares dropped 5p to 89p. Mr Maxwell and MGN have issued writs against the BBC, alleging libel and malicious falsehood, and against *The Daily Telegraph*, which carried a report of the programme.

A statement by Mr Maxwell threatened to sue any other publication that repeated those parts of the programme of which he complains, which are not specified. The BBC said it stood by the *Panorama* programme.

Meggitt makes £39m cash call

MEGGITT, the specialist engineering group in which BTR holds an 18.2 per cent stake, is making a one-for-three rights issue at 80p to raise a net £39.6 million so as to be ready to take advantage of acquisition opportunities.

Ken Coates, the chairman, said it was time for Meggitt to enter a new phase of development and compete on a global scale, and that several specific opportunities had been identified. Meggitt yesterday announced interim pretax profits to June 30 of £12.25 million (£12.18 million) on sales of £150.9 million (£148.4 million), and an interim dividend of 1.2p (1.1p) a share.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7440 (–0.0005)
German mark
2.9134 (+0.0001)
Exchange index
91.0 (–0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2009.4 (–7.1)
FT-SE 100
2576.6 (–2.9)
New York Dow Jones
3005.14 (–5.37)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23333.70 (+140.96)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Laporte	599½p (+9p)
Computer People	140p (+10p)
Delta	450p (+9p)
Domino	386p (+9p)
P&P	118½p (+10p)
Wolstenholme Rink	280p (+13p)
Fired Earth Tiles	85p (+13p)
Eurotunnel Units	530p (+10p)
Securicor 'A'	485p (+13p)
Polypipe	219p (+11p)
Adscene	72½p (+10p)
Thames TV	225p (+14p)
FALLS:	
Reed Intl	482½p (–10p)
WPP	84p (–8p)
TI	618½p (–10p)
Allied-Lyons	627½p (–16p)
Brent Chems	158p (–8p)
JN Nichols	320p (–10p)
FNFC	112½p (–13p)
Lep	20p (–16p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10⅝-10 9/16%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅞-9 27/32%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.18-5.17%*
30-year bonds 102 27/32-102 23/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7443	£: $1.7430*
£: DM2.9107	$: DM1.6715*
£: SwFr2.5295	$: SwFr1.4540*
£: FFr9.9009	$: FFr5.6905*
£: Yen231.75	$: Yen133.00*
£: Index:91.0	$: Index:64.5
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London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $351.25 pm-$351.90
close $351.80-352.20 (£201.60-202.10)
New York:
Comex $351.75-352.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) ...... $20.70 bbl ($20.80)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 August (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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AT&T chief launches attack on bank

Provision at Salomon may reach $200m

From Philip Robinson in New York

SALOMON Brothers, the scandal-hit American investment bank, gave a warning yesterday that it will set aside a "substantial" provision — believed by some analysts to be at least $200 million — to cover costs, penalties and fines likely to be imposed as a result of its admitted dealing violations in the US Treasury market.

The statement came as Robert Allen, chairman of American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T), one of America's largest companies, delivered a stinging attack on the bank. He described the bank's action as "unforgivable" and said he was not inclined to give it business now, although he would wait for the full outcome of the affair before making a final decision. AT&T's pension fund is the fifth largest in America, with $38.8 billion of investments under management.

Mr Allen, a former chief finance director of Salomon, said the bank's actions showed an "arrogant disregard for moral standards", while the firm's executives may have been "so arrogant as to think they could make up their own rules". Wall Street is expecting a loss provision running to triple figures in the millions with the firm's third-quarter results, which could be published next week.

Analysts have been reluctant to make public statements, but privately some think the provision will be a minimum of $200 million. Such a sum would be almost certain to push Salomon's net third-quarter figures near to loss and wipe out a significant portion of the record $451 million made in the first six months of the year.

More than $160 million was wiped off Salomon's stock market value in two days after investors feared that the investment bank's difficulties in funding its day-to-day business meant it was having to use its savings.

The number of legal actions from those claiming to have lost money by Salomon's unlawful trading in the $2,300 billion US Treasury bond market, is estimated to be in the mid forties. The firm is under investigation by four government agencies and faces criminal and civil actions. Shareholders claim the scandal cost them $1 billion in lost share value.

Shares in Salomon, where Warren Buffett is chairman and chief executive, lost 50 cents to $21.25 by lunchtime in New York yesterday, just 25 cents off their low for the past year. They have fallen 42 per cent since the scandal broke in mid-August. Since then, when the bank sacked its two chief Treasury bond traders and accepted the resignations of four of its most senior officers, Salomon has continued to lose business. The bank has slipped from fifth to seventh in the American underwriting league table and has retained that position only by raising debt issues for corporations, not fresh money from the more lucrative share placings.

It was sacked by the British government as lead manager for the American portion of the British Telecom share sale, which could have provided fees worth $6 million, and is now attempting to raise fresh cash for Chrysler, the ailing American car group. But the trading desk, formerly the profit power house of the bank, has been reduced because Salomon is having trouble raising short-term cash to fund its business. The bank is on the credit-watch list of five leading rating agencies.

Buffett: lost share value

Salomon has cut its credit demands by 25 per cent to $1.5 billion. After a meeting with almost 300 investment clients on Monday, Deryck Maughan, the new chief operating officer, said the "vast majority" of clients continue to do business with the company "although in some cases at reduced levels".

Mr Maughan said the bank's assets are back down to last year's levels after hitting a record $150 billion before the scandal this year. Lawrence Eckenfelder, analyst with Prudential Securities, the stockbroker, said: "They are still a viable company. I don't think Salomon is going under. But I think they are going to be downsized, both in staffing and in their presence in all markets."

☐ Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury secretary, called the Salomon Treasury bidding scandal and the events involving Bank of Credit and Commerce International "aberrations" that some are trying to use for their own purposes.

"Some have tried to use these aberrations as a charter for enacting new and overly burdensome regulation, and even for preserving the old anti-competitive restrictions, like Glass-Steagall," Mr Brady said in speech prepared for delivery to the annual meeting of the International Organisation of Securities Commissioners in Washington.

Mr Brady believed "it is time to make bold changes to the very securities laws under which I was trained on the Street [Wall Street]."

Saudis seek increased oil quota

In favour: Opec's Celestino Armas, who is believed to be backing the Saudi request

By Martin Barrow

SAUDI Arabia is seeking a 500,000 barrel a day increase in its oil output quota to help meet raised demand from industrial nations this winter.

The Saudi request, which has drawn protest from some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, underpins the kingdom's efforts to secure higher output levels during the final quarter of this year, when the call on Opec oil is expected to rise, and to maintain stable prices.

At a quarterly ministerial meeting in Geneva, yesterday, Opec ministers were expected to ratify the cartel's price target of $21 a barrel. With Saudi Arabia unwilling to curb output, however, the target seems unlikely to be achieved in the short term. Venezuela's Celestino Armas, the new president of Opec, is believed to be generally supportive of Saudi Arabia.

Oil prices firmed in recent days but remain well short of the Opec target. The average price of a basket of crudes monitored by Opec was $19.24 a barrel last week.

The cartel agreed to produce 22.3 million barrels per day in the third quarter, excluding production from Iraq and Kuwait, but actual output has been estimated at 23.6 million. Saudi Arabia has pumped 400,000 bpd more than its allowance of 8 million bpd.

The call on Opec oil in the final quarter has been estimated at 23.9 million bpd and could rise in the first quarter of 1992 if an economic recovery in industrial nations gathers pace. Saudi Arabia is reported to have said it would support an increase in Opec output to 24.5 million bpd.

Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company, plans to raise $1.5 billion from foreign banks in its first major international borrowing venture. Aramco has begun an expansion programme, which will boost its crude output to a sustainable 10 million bpd by the end of 1994.

Technical union calls on BAe to oust Smith

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE Manufacturing Science Finance union has joined the growing chorus of calls for Professor Sir Roland Smith to be replaced as chairman of British Aerospace.

Tim Webb, a national officer of the union to which many BAe workers belong, said his members feel "Professor Sir Roland Smith should be freed to concentrate on his more successful chairmanship of Manchester United and his 11 other directorships".

BAe refused to comment, although the board met during the late afternoon. The union's call mirrors mounting pressure in the City for Sir Roland to step down in penance for declining profits and the poor reception given to the company's £432 million rights issue.

City talk is now not of whether Sir Roland will go, but who will replace him. Possible names include Sir Graham Day, chairman of Rover Cars, Sir James Blyth, chairman of Boots, and Sir John Nott, of Lazards.

Efforts by Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, to promote the rights issue in presentations to institutions are being damaged by the continuing speculation. One analyst said: "If it was announced that Sir Roland was resigning and Sir Graham Day was taking over, that would put 20p on the share price."

Taurus rules worry Law Society

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

THE Law Society has strongly criticised the draft regulations to provide a legal framework for Taurus, the London Stock Exchange's long-delayed paperless share trading system.

The society fears that new legal concepts of entitlement in the regulations might not work in practice and calls on the trade department to rethink the draft. William Knight, chairman of the society's company law committee, said there were problems over defining ownership of shares and the moment it passes when they are bought and sold. He asked: "Where is the title and when does it pass? We are not satisfied that the draft regulations answer this question."

The trade department is anxious to avoid any drastic redrafting of the regulations at this stage. John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, hopes to submit final regulations to Parliament in November. Parliament must approve the regulations before Taurus can go ahead, but it cannot amend them.

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Housing collapse pulls Tarmac down to £18m

By Matthew Bond

A COLLAPSE in housing profits in Britain and in the building materials market on both sides of the Atlantic has resulted in interim pre-tax profits at Tarmac, Britain's biggest housebuilding company, falling 81 per cent to £18.2 million.

Tarmac's shares reacted calmly to the figures by rising 1p to 202p, helped by the decision of the Tarmac board to transfer over £17 million from reserves to pay a maintained interim dividend of 3p and to meet the cost of preference share dividends.

Sir Eric Pountain, Tarmac's chairman, described trading conditions as "extremely harsh" and said that he expected an eventual recovery to be "slow and patchy".

Net borrowings have risen sharply since the year end to £630 million, increasing gearing from 26 per cent to 40 per cent. Although the half-year end marks the traditional high point of Tarmac's borrowings, the company has embarked on a series of disposals to reduce debt.

The interim figures prompted a sharp reduction in analysts' forecasts, with some forecasting Tarmac to have difficulty covering its dividend both this year and next. Rovert Fleming Securities is looking for a full-year profit of £80 million, compared with £190 million in 1990 and £100 million in 1992.

Tarmac's housing division reported a 71 per cent fall in operating profits to £9.9 million, as the number of houses sold in the first half dropped from 4,745 to 3,031. Despite the sharp fall, Terry Mason, the group finance director, said the company was aiming to sell between 10,500 and 11,000 by the end of the year.

He said first-half sales had been hit by a low carry-over of reservations from the second half of last year and by an unsuccessful attempt to put up prices at the start of the year.

In May, Tarmac became the first company to state publicly that the signs of recovery seen in February and March had not been maintained. Mr Mason said: "Price erosion has continued and over the last two months the market has become more difficult."

Profits were also hit by the fact that high-priced land, bought in the boom year of 1988, was currently being built out. As a result, operating margins fell from 9.2 per cent to 4 per cent. Fierce competition resulted in operating profits at Tarmac's building materials division dropping 99 per cent to just £100,000.

Builders' headaches, page 23

Russia barters for market secrets

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

RUSSIA is preparing the world's largest overseas study programme with a pilot scheme involving 30,000 Russians students. They will attend western universities in an effort to learn the principles of free-market economics.

Alexander Rutskoy, vice-president of the Russian republic, will meet John Major, the prime minister, tomorrow and will propose that Britain take part by accepting 1,000 students. Mr Rutskoy wants part of the funding to come from Britain's £50 million know-how fund for the Soviet Union, although it is thought the Russian government is prepared to contribute to some of the costs.

A British official said yesterday that the education of students, businessmen, politicians and journalists would enjoy the highest priority of the fund, and that the British government was prepared to be "very flexible" on this issue. However, he cautioned that a programme of such scale would require massive efforts of language training, which would probably exceed present capacities.

The lion's share of the programme is to be carried by America, where the Russians want some 10,000 students to go, and another 2000 to 3000 students are to go to Germany.

The plan is still at an early stage, and the details, including which universities will be involved, are still being worked out. Andrei Feodorov, the deputy Russian foreign minister, who along with Mr Rutskoy attended a conference of the Centre for Global Energy Studies in London yesterday, said that there was an urgent need to equip Russian students with the principles of market economics, and that this type of know-how could not be generated internally.

The student exchange programme is a request that even those who are sceptical about advancing large-scale financial assistance to the Soviet Union will find difficult to refuse. Britain, along with America, has argued consistently that the most appropriate help, apart from emergency food assistance, should come in the form of technical assistance. However, Mr Feodorov made clear that Russia is prepared to contribute to the programme on a barter-deal basis, perhaps by paying for the tuition with oil.

In his speech, Mr Rutskoy said resources had been vastly misdirected in the Soviet Union, with 80 per cent of research and development efforts going into military projects. During his visit to London, he is also holding talks with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development about privatisation in Russia.

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Sales slump forces Rolls to extend holidays

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE Motor Cars is asking workers at its Crewe factory, who are already on a three-day week, to extend their Christmas break from two weeks to four.

The prospect of an extended shutdown has added to fears that because of a collapse in demand for luxury cars Vickers, Rolls' parent company, will do no better than break even this year. First-half figures from Vickers, out tomorrow, are expected to show a profit before tax of just £10 million (£39.8 million).

Rolls' difficulties have been exacerbated by a sharp drop in sales in Japan, the company's third most important market after America and Britain.

Financial scandals in Japan have made conspicuous consumption less fashionable. During August, purchases of Rolls-Royce cars by Japanese businessmen slumped by 64 per cent, year on year.

The new mood in Japan could not come at a worse time for Rolls. Recession in America and Britain has already caused group sales to slump to less than half previous volumes. The American fall was made worse by increased taxes on luxury goods.

Rolls has responded by cutting output and jobs. Already, 800 jobs, nearly a third of the total, have been lost at Crewe and Mulliner Park Ward, the company's coachbuilder, has shed 500 of its 600 craftsmen.

The restructuring is expected to lead to £30 million of exceptional costs to be taken against first-half profits. Analysts say the car business has now been cut to the bone; further cost reductions will be extremely difficult to achieve without reducing core manufacturing capacity. That is likely to be a step which Sir David Plastow, Vickers' chairman, would take with the greatest reluctance.

Despite the difficulties at Rolls, Vickers other activities are expected to show a reasonable first-half performance. Despite its success in winning a defence ministry order for its Challenger 2 tanks, Vickers relies on defence for only 10 per cent of sales.

Medical incubators, marine propulsion and stabilising devices, aerospace components and Cosworth engines now provide the mainstay of Vickers' profitability. The question now is how long Sir David will be prepared to use them to support losses at the Rolls-Royce cars business if an upturn fails to come soon.

Sunset falls but pegs dividend

SUNSET & VINE, the independent television production company, is maintaining its final dividend at 2p, making an unchanged total of 3.5p, in spite of a decline in pre-tax profits from £1.01 million to £702,000 in the year to end-June. Turnover was £4.02 million (£3.39 million).

Rink slide

Wolstenholme Rink, which makes products for the printing and allied industries, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £1.86 million to £1.24 million in the half-year to end-June. The interim dividend is maintained at 6.3p.

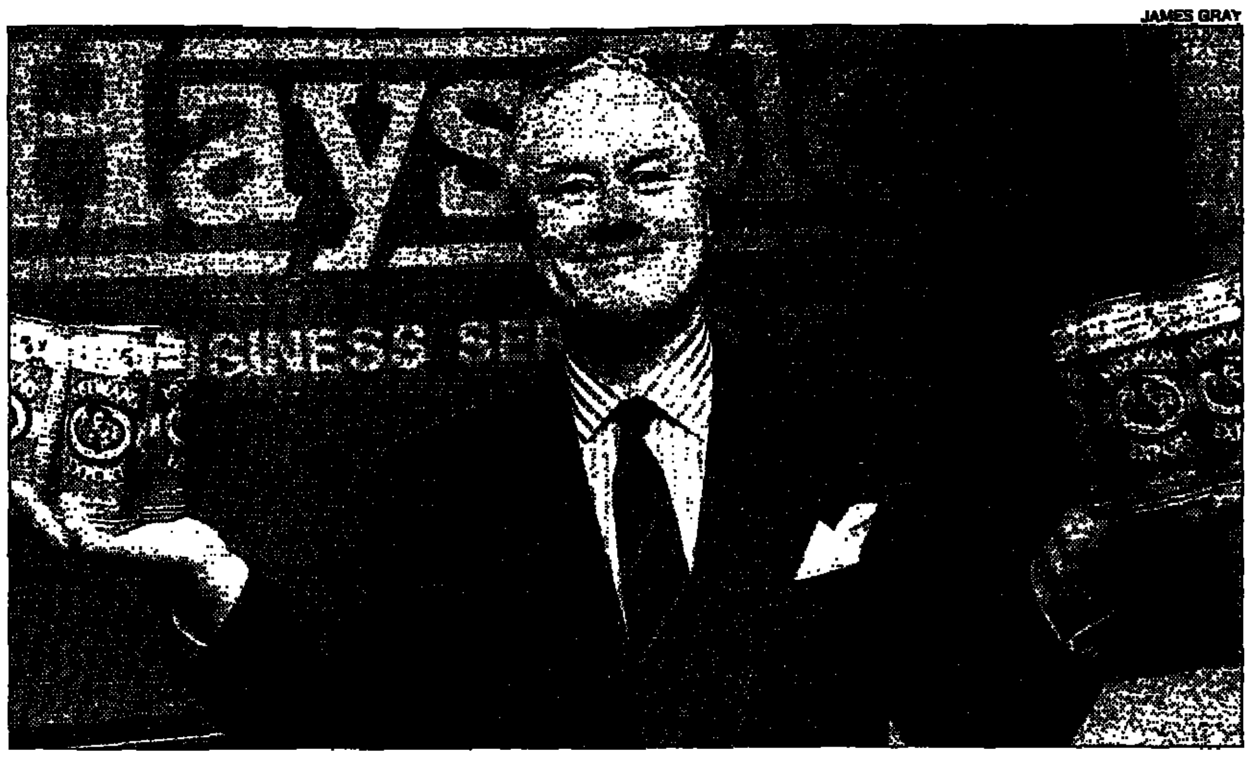
Courtyard fall

Taxable profits at Courtyard Leisure, the USM-quoted City wine bars and restaurant operator, fell to £61,588 in the year to end-March, against £96,849 previously. The final dividend, however, is maintained at 0.5p.

Dunloe loss

Dunloe House Group, the Irish property development company, dived to a pre-tax loss of Ir£165,000 (£151,000) in the six months to end-June, compared with profits of Ir£610,000 last time. There is no interim dividend.

JAMES GRAY



Celebration drink: Ronnie Frost, chairman of Hays, which has won a five-year contract to distribute McEwan's

Hays bucks recession to edge ahead

IN A recession that has hit many business service companies, Hays managed to increase pre-tax profits in the year to end-June, albeit only from £56.2 million to £56.8 million (Graham Searjeant writes). After a lower tax rate, earnings are up 3 per cent to 10p per share on a comparable basis and the dividend has been raised 14 per cent to 4p per share.

Ronnie Frost, the chairman, said he was still disappointed with the results, which might have been better if the group had planned for the recession to last so long. Hays still expects to do better in the current year, even without an improvement in the economy.

Mr Frost is celebrating a five-year contract to handle distribution of McEwan's export and other Scottish & Newcastle beers. Hays has also won a distribution and warehousing contract with Waitrose and should benefit from new joint ventures and £23 million of recent bolt-on acquisitions. Hays shares gained 2p to 163p.

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Motown deal is disputed

By Wolfgang Münchau

A DISPUTE has broken out over a distribution deal between PolyGram Group Distribution, the American subsidiary of the world's third largest record company, and Motown Records, the American record label.

The deal was yesterday called "invalid and unenforcable" by MCA Music Entertainment Group, which insists it has a binding agreement with Motown. MCA was yesterday reported to be considering taking legal action to protect its rights.

The disputed agreement, announced on Monday, would increase PolyGram's share of the American distribution market from 12 to 15 per cent. PolyGram said the deal was part of a strategic move to strengthen its black music marketing.

PolyGram is 80 per cent owned by Philips, the Dutch electronics group, and is listed in Amsterdam and New York.

BCCI public enquiry urged

By A Correspondent

A NEW call for a full public enquiry into the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has been made by a group of creditors and depositors.

The enquiry under Lord Justice Bingham, ordered by the government, is being conducted in private because ministers believe public hearings would compromise banking confidentiality.

The Association of Creditors of BCCI, however, insisted yesterday that the investigation should be open, in order to expose the full extent of any wrongdoing. The association said a public inquiry should be a precondition for restructuring the bank.

Rulers of the Gulf state of Abu Dhabi, which has a controlling interest in the bank, have been given until December 2 to devise a restructuring package or face BCCI's liquidation. The association said creditors should be repaid in full as a further condition to reviving the bank. They also demanded that employees innocent of malpractice should have their jobs protected. Sinna Mani, the association's chief executive, said a public meeting was planned early in November to review the situation.

Meanwhile, BCCI depositors are being asked if they wish to leave their money in the bank or become equity partners. They will receive a three-page questionnaire from Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, who is leading a campaign on behalf of depositors to try to discover their views on the bank's proposed reconstruction.

Mr Vaz said information collected would be forwarded to the provisional liquidator and to the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, the majority shareholder.

AEU aims to block bid for Hawker

THE Amalgamated Engineering Union, the largest union representing Hawker Siddeley workers, is mounting a campaign to oppose the £1.5 billion hostile takeover bid by BTR, launched on Friday.

The union fears a conglomerate such as BTR, with few British interests, will not provide Hawker with the investment needed to compete in the high technology sector.

The union said it would seek an urgent meeting with Hawker management.

Unilever takes over Pratauer

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products group, has taken over the Pratauer Margarine factory in eastern Germany, which has been producing the Rama brand under contract to Union, Unilever's Hamburg subsidiary, since February.

Unilever has invested about DM30 million at the factory in Pratau and that of Chemnitzer Margarinewerke.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bell agrees to buy Metro cell phones

BELL Atlantic Corporation of America has agreed to buy the cellular telephone and certain other operations of Metro Mobile CTS in a share swap worth about $1.65 billion. Bell will also assume about $800 million in Metro Mobile debt. Metro Mobile is expected to own or control 11.5 million potential customers served by its network by the time the deal goes through. Bell Atlantic currently has 22.1 potential customers.

Raymond Smith, Bell Atlantic's chairman, said the purchase would dilute his company's earnings in the short term, reducing them by 10 to 12 per cent in the first full year after completion, expected by the second quarter of 1992.

Landsecs raises £200m

LAND Securities, Britain's biggest property company, has raised £200 million through the issue of 36-year mortgage debenture with a coupon of 10 per cent. It is secured against a property portfolio whose value, the company said, had fallen by 5 per cent since March. The debenture was issued at £96.118 per cent to give a gross redemption yield of 10.415 per cent.

Payout held at Garton

GARTON Engineering, the West Midlands metal components and fasteners group, is holding its interim dividend at 1.75p in spite of a fall in pre-tax profits from £362,000 to £161,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover declined to £10.3 million, against £12.2 million last time. Earnings per share fell to 2.78p, down from 6.18p last time. The shares lost 5p to 120p.

Record seeks £5.8m

RECORD Holdings, the Sheffield hand and power tools manufacturer, is to raise £5.8 million through a three-for-eleven rights issue, at 85p a share. The proceeds from the issue, which has been fully underwritten by Granville Holdings, will be used to boost the group's expansion and development programmes.

The board expects to recommend a final dividend of not less than 2.45p per ordinary share, making a maintained total of 3.6p for the year to end-December. Record's shares eased 1p to 100p.

Ross back in the black

ROSS Group, the combined Ross and Whittington, whose interests embrace specialist packaging, greeting cards, headphones, and electronics, reports a £501,000 pre-tax profit for the six months to end-June (£746,000 loss), on a turnover of £8.52 million (£13.4 million). After passing its interim dividend last time, the company is paying 0.03p a share.

Everest scales £2.6m level

EVEREST Foods, the frozen foods and egg producer, lifted pre-tax profits by 43 per cent to £2.63 million (£1.85 million) in the year to end-May. Group turnover advanced from £28.9 million to £30.2 million. The final dividend is increased to 4.6p (4p), making an improved total of 6.8p (6p) for the year. The USM-quoted shares responded with a 6p rise to 181p.

Domestic leaps 46%

DOMESTIC & General Group, which insures domestic appliances against breakdown, is raising its final dividend to 10.5p (7p), making an improved total of 15p (10.5p). The dividend rise accompanied a 46 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £4.95 million in the year to end-June.

Organic growth helped turnover grow 36 per cent to £34.2 million. Earnings jumped 53 per cent to 48.11p (31.37p) a share and Martin Copley, the chairman, is optimistic about prospects. Discontinued activities led to an extraordinary debit of £139,000. The shares gained 25p to 753p.

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Banks begin bankruptcy proceedings against Bond

From Brian Buchanan in Sydney

BANKS yesterday started bankruptcy proceedings against Alan Bond, the entrepreneur, over a US$194.64 million debt, after the New South Wales Supreme Court rejected an application to stay the enforcement of the debt pending an appeal.

Solicitors for the banks have been trying to serve the bankruptcy notice on Mr Bond personally. Earlier, Justice Rogers in his court of judgment said Mr Bond had a "deficiency of assets over liabilities of some Aus$40 million (£18.4 million)". This was even before the bank's possessive claim and other contingent liabilities totalling US425.12 million. The judge said it was "in the public interest" that bankruptcy proceedings should be put in train as soon as possible.

Outside the court, Mr Bond said he intended to appeal against the decision and against Monday's judgment upholding the US$194.64 million personal guarantee made to Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Tricontinental Australia. The banks have sought the enforcement of the guarantee made over a loan to Dallhold Investments, one of Mr Bond's private companies.

If the former chairman of Bond Corporation does not pay within 28 days, the banks will prepare a petition for the Federal Court, which can declare him bankrupt. Mr Bond said the decisions were "disappointing".

Justice Rogers on Monday ruled that Mr Bond was liable to pay the 1990 guarantee on the US$340 million loan to Dallhold Investments. He dismissed as inconceivable, Mr Bond's claim that William Purves, the chairman of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, told him the guarantee would not be enforced.

Dallhold was wound up in July. Mr Bond was forced last September to give up the chairmanship of Bond Corporation to appease lenders, after various Bond group companies chalked up losses of more than Aus$5 billion over the previous year.

Skase to be cited by estate trustee

From A Correspondent in Sydney

AN Aus$250,000 (£115,207) investigation into the financial affairs of Christopher Skase, the bankrupt entrepreneur, has failed to unearth any large "pots of gold" and was unlikely to do so, a trustee of Mr Skase's estate said.

Mr Skase, who once ran a resort and television empire, is reported to owe his main creditors more than Aus$172 million.

Max Donnelly, the trustee, said he was citing Mr Skase for "numerous" alleged offences under the Bankruptcy Act in a report to be handed to the federal director of public prosecutions in Sydney today.

A summons has also been issued for the return to Australia of Mr Skase, who is living in Majorca.

After a meeting with the creditors in Sydney yesterday, Mr Donnelly said: "A lot of them are procedural — like not turning up at the creditors' meetings, not completing his statement of affairs correctly, and not attending on the trustee as required."

Mr Skase complained yesterday of his treatment by bank creditors. In a statement issued through his London solicitor, he said the creditors had jeopardised the interests of small creditors through their actions.

Profit falls at Brent Chemicals

By Philip Pangalos

BRENT Chemicals International, the speciality chemicals group, blamed recession and depressed demand by the civil aerospace sector for a 32 per cent first-half profits fall.

Pre-tax profits fell to £4.61 million in the six months to end-June, down from £6.81 million last time. Turnover was £49.9 million, against £45.1 million last time.

Aerospace, particularly civil, was hardest hit, with sales down about 20 per cent to £6.44 million, affected by the combined effects of the recession and the impact of the Gulf war. Taxable profits from industrial aerospace and electronics slid to £2.65 million (£4.3 million).

Steve Cuthbert, chief executive, said Brent had "at least maintained its market share" in spite of the recession. "We're bumping along the bottom. There are some encouraging signs, but I'm not going to say this is a trend."

Full-year profits will be lower than last year, but Brent is hopeful of an upturn next year. Mr Cuthbert said despite small current borrowings, he expects it to be cash positive by the end of the year.

Earnings per share slip to 4.6p (7p), but the interim dividend is maintained at 1.6p. The board intends to recommend a final dividend of "not less than that paid last year". The shares lost 8p to 158p.

Racal wins US defence contract

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

RACAL Electronics fired its first shot in the battle to escape the £696 million takeover bid from Williams Holdings by announcing a break through contract to provide radios for the United States Air Force.

The initial contract for 600 radios and associated kit for US Air Force airfield defence teams is worth just $12.7 million. However, David Elsbury, deputy chief executive of Racal Electronics, said the potential market with the American services for similar equipment could be worth $960 million over the coming decade.

American endorsement of the company's portable radio communications system could also open the door to markets in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan, he said.

Racal insisted that the press conference to unveil yesterday's order had been prepared well before Williams launched its all-share offer last week. The company had also hoped to reveal details of an order for 4,000 similar radio sets from Canadian defence forces. However, confirmation of that order is not now expected until the first week in October.

The radios to be supplied under the US airfield defence programme, named Scope Shield II, are intended to provide a secure radio system capable of linking with the communications systems of allies.

The need was highlighted by incidents during the invasion of Granada and the Gulf war, when elements of the US forces had difficulty in talking to one another, as well as to their allies.

Elsbury: first shot

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New wounds for troubled Taurus

COMMENT

Taurus looks to be in trouble yet again. The Law Society's objections to the legal regulations that must underlie the system are technical but look fundamental. Essentially, the society says that the new legal concepts of entitlement introduced to cope with the computer systems are, at the same time, too complicated and not fully thought through. Far better, the society thinks, to adapt the well-tried concepts of beneficial ownership, on which there are libraries of case studies, than to start all over again and go through a painful learning process as problems surface.

That may sound like mere legal conservatism. Unfortunately, the DTI cannot afford to shrug the solicitors' worries aside. Acceptance of the new system depends on investors believing that they will have as good an effective title to their shares as before when they lose the formal legal title in the shape of share certificates. This confidence is likely to be undermined by the Law Society's public doubts. They specifically question whether the draft regulations meet John Redwood's own aim to provide "a solid legal and regulatory framework for Taurus so that all investors will entrust their shares to it".

The DTI and the Stock Exchange must address these doubts squarely. If the draft regulations have to be redrawn in anything more than detail, the introduction of Taurus will be put off for at least another season. If they are pushed through in their present form without the doubts being laid, however, Taurus might be fatally wounded before it starts.

Racal doubts

Racal Electronics was surprised at the better than expected turn out for a press meeting yesterday. But many came in hopes of news on the hostile £735 million bid by Williams Holdings rather than the sale of 70,000 military radios to the USAF. Racal, however, is keeping its powder dry for later in the battle. It can afford to do so. For in the stock market, any current doubts being aired tend relate to the Williams half of the deal.

Even long standing Williams supporters, who have gained handsomely through their support for Nigel Rudd and Brian McGowan, are wondering about possible dilution of Williams earnings, especially if the terms are improved. They may well need to be.

At last night's closing price of 336p, Williams' offer is worth more than 50p per Racal share. This compares with breakup and bid valuations for Sir Ernest Harrisons's group of about 60p-65p per share. Sir Ernest, who must be revelling in the fact that he has extracted such a high value for a company not highly rated in the past few years, is a man who enjoys a scrap. He knows that while there are precious few synergy gains for Williams in a Racal takeover, there are other potential bidders for whom his group would be a more logical fit. Sir Ernest will demand a high price for co-operation and will certainly want some cash as part of a higher bid.

Robert Fleming, the securities house, calculates that Williams will have to make Racal assets sweat in order to avoid dilution. It would need profits from Racal of about £113 million to achieve this against current market forecasts of only £100 million.

Williams needs to be more specific about how this can be done if it wishes to carry the day. Otherwise a higher offer might lead to a vicious circle wherein a falling share price reduced the value of the bid and so in turn increased the dilution factor. The Williams team has so far demonstrated considerable skill in handling takoevers. But Racal may prove to be its most testing battle so far.

Watch Allied

The market was taking a more sanguine view yesterday of reports that Allied-Lyons might be the next large-scale takeover target to receive a bid in the current outbreak of merger mania. Its shares dipped 15p in the absence of fresh developments. Perhaps the enthusiasts have overrated the chances of approaches from Anheuser-Busch and Philip Morris, the American companies seeking opportunities for expansion in Europe. They may not have noticed that under American accounting principles, both would need to amortize heavy goodwill elements over a long period, diluting earnings per share in the process.

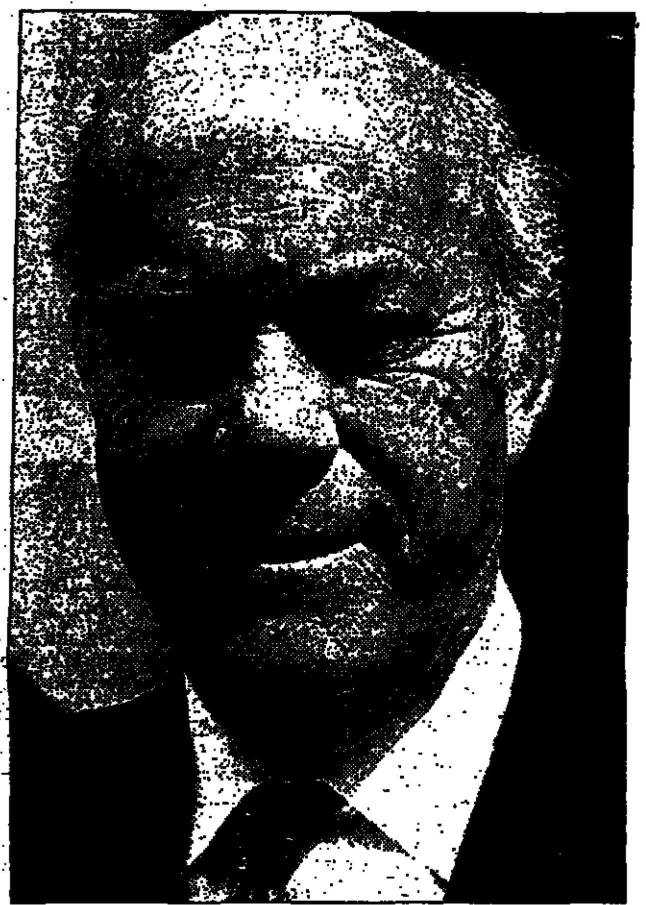
Allied may be capitalised at less than £6 billion, but analysts tend to agree that a bidder would need to find closer to £9 billion in order to persuade holders to part with their shares. That is a mouthful few could comfortably swallow.

Bid or no bid, Allied's new management team is likely to turn the threat of a predator breathing down their necks to good advantage. After the supportive role adopted by institutions at the time of the heavy currency losses, the new men need to respond positively.

The pressure will help speed up rationalisation and cost cutting internally. Externally, the buoyant share price provides a heaven-sent chance for a rights issue. Cutting heavy interest charges through a cash call is certainly more attractive than forced disposals into a weak market. The time for a predator to strike would be before the new finance director arrives on October 1. Watch this space.

Hangover of high-priced land leaves builders with headache

The housing sector slump in Britain may have reached its floor, but recovery is still out of sight



Bleak housing: Sir Eric Pountain, Tarmac's chairman

THE first six months of 1991 may go down as the darkest hours of Britain's housebuilding and construction companies. Indeed the position of several chairmen and chief executives probably depends on that being the case.

With just three months of the year to go, however, the prospects still do not look bright. Despite the marked reduction in interest rates, a new house seems conspicuously absent from most people's shopping list. All over the country housebuilders have drawn a thick line over the recovery they pencilled in for 1991, and are looking with growing desperation for signs of an improvement in 1992.

They are in no doubt that recovery will come. Tarmac, Britain's biggest housebuilder, would not have paid an uncovered dividend unless Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, was convinced that better times lay ahead. The same goes for companies of the calibre of Bryant Group which, despite a 16 per cent increase in the number of sales, still found earnings well short of the funds required to cover a maintained dividend.

Then there is the encouragement of Hanson's takeover of Beazer, the building and aggregates group. Not only did Lord Hanson put almost £1.5 billion behind the Beazer deal, he made it quite clear that in his much-valued opinion the bottom of the building cycle had been reached.

But in the mean time the agony for Britain's builders, and for the companies that supply them with materials, goes on. No respecter of size, the three-year recession in the housing market has dragged some of the sector's best known names to their knees.

Yesterday, it claimed the big one in the shape of Tarmac, where house sales in the first half of 1991 fell from 4,745 to 3,031, Tarmac's pre-tax profits collapsed 81 per cent to just £18.2 million, as the market, described by Sir Eric as "extremely harsh", took its inevitable toll.

Tomorrow should bring confirmation of another casualty in the shape of Barratt Developments, which warned the stock market two months agoto expect pre-tax losses of about £100 million. Barratt's share price halved, as it announced that its difficulties would require Sir Lawrie Barratt, its founder, to return from retirement to replace John Swanson, whose departure was also revealed.

The recession is also devastating those that supply building materials. On Monday, ECC Group announced that a 7 per cent decline in pre-tax profits disguised a 45 per cent slide in operating profits earned by its construction materials division. The figures echoed those of RMC, the world's biggest concrete group, which last week reported that operating profits in Britain had fallen from £51 million to £19.2 million.

These figures, however, look positively impressive when compared with the problem at Tarmac. The biggest damage to operating profits might have been done by the 71 per cent fall in the contribution from housing, but it was the building materials division that saw the largest percentage fall. After a collapse of 99 per cent, building materials contributed an operating profit of just £100,000.

No respecter of size, the housing recession has dragged the sector's best known names to their knees.

The market for building materials has become cut-throat. Tarmac yesterday admitted it had shut most of its brick factories at the beginning of the year and confirmed shorter working weeks had now become the norm.

Terry Mason, Tarmac's finance director, said yesterday: "The industry has probably got enough bricks to build next year's houses." He believes that as stockpiles approached six months supply, the price fell by up to 25 per cent. A fuller picture should emerge tomorrow when Ibstock Johnsen, one of the big brick suppliers, reports.

Brick prices are probably the worst hit by the recession, but other materials are also affected. Recent estimates suggest building materials are down by an average of 15 per cent in volume terms. According to UBS Phillips & Drew, the first half volume of plasterboard is down 17 per cent. Competition from imports prevented BPB Industries, the dominant supplier, holding on to the price increase it announced in March.

Others have refused to chase market share. Jim Owen, RMC's managing director, admitted last week that the company had lost 2 or 3 percentage points of market share by refusing to follow prices down to the levels set by some competitors.

Given the marked falls in most of their variable costs, housebuilding profits should in theory be quick to recover once people start buying again. But there remains one very significant stumbling block, as Tarmac pointed out yesterday and of which Barratt will give an £80 million reminder of tomorrow. That is the price of land and in particular land bought in the peak months of 1988.

Tarmac, which traditionally runs a short land bank, is currently experiencing the full pain of working that high priced land through its building programme. Tarmac's provisions of £20 million look modest compared with the £80 million Barratt has given a warning about, but the real damage is apparent from the operating margins which dropped from an already depressed 9.2 per cent to a miserable 4 per cent.

The good news for Tarmac is that the bulk of the expensive land should be out of the way by this year-end, after which the company should begin to benefit from the sharp reduction in land prices over the past 18 months or so.

But for companies that run long land banks or which do not have the financial muscle to take tens of millions of pounds worth of provisions in their stride, the legacy of 1988 will be with them for some considerable time.

MATTHEW BOND

EC air clash with Canada

THE European Commission may block the attempted takeover of De Havilland, the aircraft maker, by the Franco-Italian ATR consortium, allaying British Aerospace's fears of being locked out of the 40-70 seat commuter plane market.

Sir Leon Brittan, the Competition Commissioner, is worried that ATR, which is jointly owned by France's Aérospatiale and Italy's Alenia, could dominate the EC market in turbo-props if the deal goes through.

The Toronto-based De Havilland occupies second place behind ATR in the EC. "When you have number one taking over number two how strong are the others?" a spokesman for Sir Leon said. "However you look at it, this creates a considerable market share."

A British Aerospace spokesman said ATR and De Havilland had 88 per cent of the EC market between them, while BAe's ATP turbo prop had had difficulty gaining a foothold. If the ATR bid went through, BAe which has 24,000 jobs in its civil aircraft division, would be "severely damaged".

The Canadian government is known to be concerned about the bid, because it fears ATR may turn De Havilland, one of the most famous names in aircraft history, into little more than a spare-parts maker. Although De Havilland's Dash-8 series is well thought of in the aircraft industry, sources say it has been poorly marketed and consequently De Havilland needs a cash boost to expand into different market segments.

Sir Leon: worried

The Canadian government is apparently prepared to inject Can$303 million (£151 million) into the company if ATR guarantees that it will go on making planes in Canada. Whether this would make much commercial sense for ATR, whose -42 and -72 series turbo props have already made considerable inroads in the American market, is not clear. It has until October 8 to make its bid acceptable to the Canadian government, and the commission's judgment on the case will follow a week later, on October 14.

No price for De Havilland, which is owned by Boeing, the American aircraft manufacturer, has yet been mentioned. Boeing took over De Havilland about two years ago, but could not turn the company's fortunes round and offered it to ATR earlier this year.

TOM WALKER
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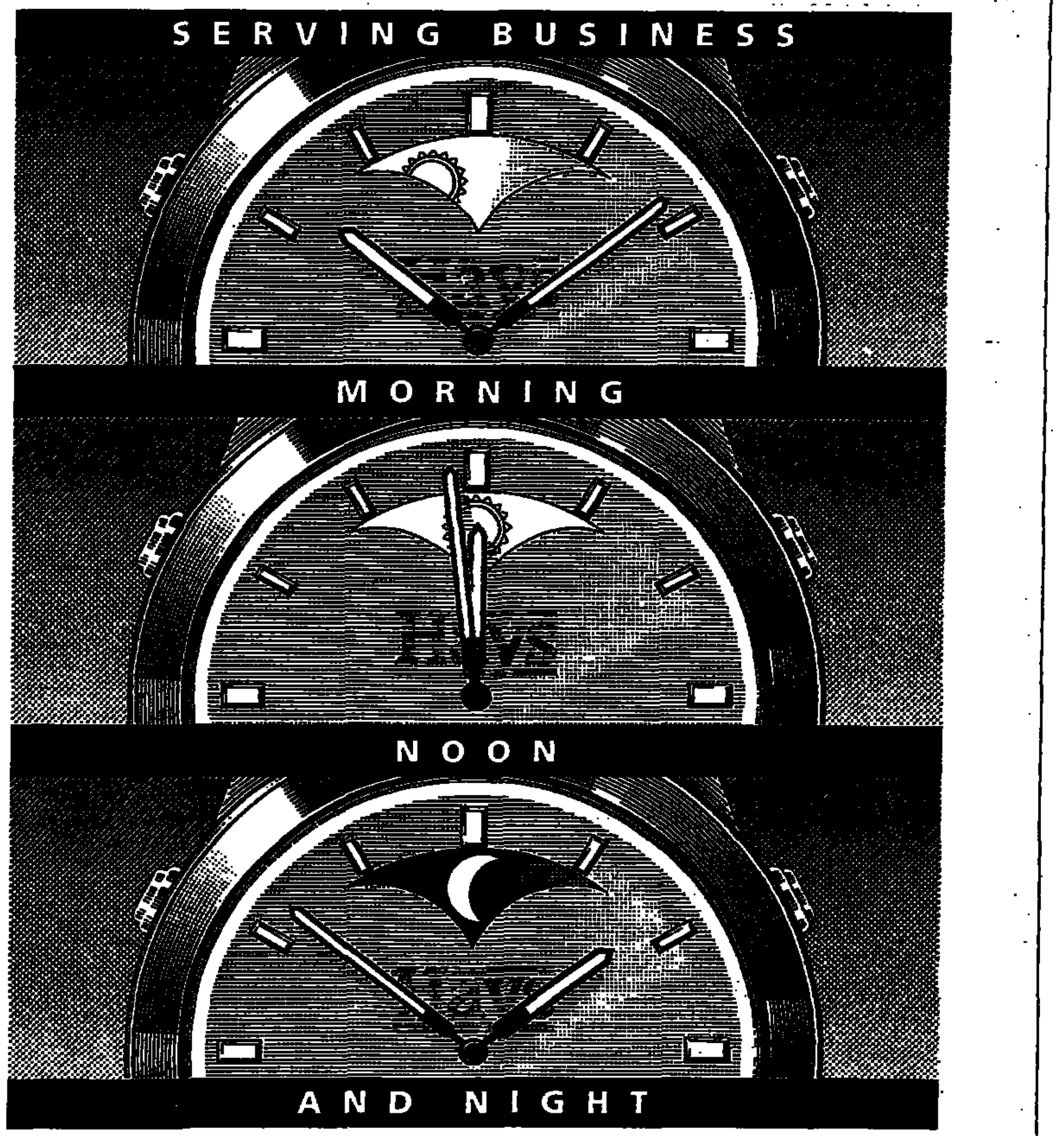

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NET DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY SHARE	3.5p	4.0p	+14%

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Beer liquidity awaits Jordan

MICHAEL Jordan, debonair senior partner of Cork Gully and one of Britain's top corporate hit men, has unexpectedly had the tables turned on him. Jordan, who helped liquidate the Barlow Clowes group and went on to become joint administrator to Polly Peck, decided to splash out £500 — from his own pocket — for two corporate hospitality tickets to the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham, with "all the champagne you can drink" thrown in. As fate would have it, he bought the tickets from Keith Prowse, just before the company went into administration, and suffered the ironic indignity of becoming just another unsecured creditor. "I thought I was going to get a letter saying the company was in receivership — after all the letters I've sent out," says Jordan, who is known for his sartorial taste, particularly when it comes to double-breasted suits. "Luckily, Brian Wolfson bailed us out, but now we will only get beer to drink, not champagne."

CITY analysts have often questioned the mental state of those who follow smaller companies. There was nevertheless surprise over a reference on the Reuter company news service to a John Hooligan of Hoare Govett. Could they possibly mean John Houlihan, one of the leaders in the smaller companies field. . .?

Last orders

MIKE Halsey, noted in City circles for wearing a different watch every day of the week, is retiring after more than 30 years in the Square Mile. With him go several pairs of Gucci shoes and a reputation as one of the nattiest dressers in the market. Halsey, who was the senior dealer at Astaire & Co, before joining Whitefriars, since bought by Bikuben, is due for a rousing send-off at the Stock Exchange Veterans' Club annual stag night, to be held at the Whitbread Brewery on Friday. But Halsey's fame will live on. Roy Cutts, of Seligmann Harris, a friend and former colleague, says: "He was always very partial to his brandy and port and he was the second person in the market ever to have a vasectomy. . .," — as if the two were in some way related.

On his Marks

MICHAEL Marks, popular and highly regarded chief executive of Smith New Court, is riding high on a wave of publicity surrounding the Old Mutual South Africa fund, which he helped launch at the Savoy Hotel in London this month. He has quietly slipped away to South Africa this week to visit institutions and refresh Smith's mining house links there. But brokers on the floor of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, who have seen advance copies of his official itinerary, are agog that Marks is to perform a "walkabout" on Friday — the sort of activity we in Britain more usually associate with royalty.

CAROL LEONARD

WORLD MARKETS

Dow subsides after an early advance

New York — A modest advance in choppy mid-morning activity was not maintained and the Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.34 points to 3,009.17.

☐ **Tokyo** — The market ended firmer but off its highs for the day. The strong yen and higher bonds boosted hopes for lower interest rates. The Nikkei index rose 140.96 points to 23,333.70, with about 320 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market closed marginally lower after one of the quietest days of the year. Analysts attributed this to caution over local politics and Middle East tension. The Hang Seng index closed 6.15 points lower at 3,904.19.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices ended lower, erasing gains recorded in a brief rally on Monday. The Straits Times industrial index lost 9.54 points to 1,381.24 on thin volume of 18.63 million shares. Dealers said even good stocks were ignored.

WALL STREET

	Sep 24 midday	Sep 23 close		Sep 24 midday	Sep 23 close		Sep 24 midday	Sep 23 close
Abbott Lab	52%	53%	Enron	67%	67%	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	33%	33%	Entergy	25%	25%	Pac Ent	29%	29%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	24%	24%	Pac Gas Elec	28%	28%
Air Prods	64%	64%	Exxon	58%	52%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	39%	39%	Fed NMA	63%	64%	Paccar	46%	47
Alcan Al	19%	19%	Fedrl Expra	35%	35%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
Alco Stand	33%	33%	Ft Norstar	23	23	Pall	37%	37%
Allied Signal	37	37	Fluor	41%	41%	Paramount	36%	36%
Alumin CA	64	64%	FMC	46%	47%	Parker-Hanfn	24%	24%
Am Brands	44%	44%	Ford Motor	29	29%	Penney	50%	50%
Am Cyanmd	65%	66%	FPL	32%	32%	Pennzoil	65%	65%
Am EPC	30%	30	Fst Chicago	25%	26%	Pepsico	28%	29
Am General	39%	39%	Fst Intrsts	31%	31%	Pfizer	64%	65
Am Home	68%	69%	Fst Union	27	27	Phlps Pet	26%	26%
Am Intl	82%	81%	Gannett	40%	40%	Phlps Elec	22%	22%
Am Stores	35	35%	GAP	44%	45%	Phlp Morris	71%	72%
Amax	20%	20%	Gen Cinema	20%	20%	Phlps Dodge	73%	74
Amer Hess	57%	57%	Gen Elec	69%	69	Pitney Bow	60%	61%
Ameritech	61%	62%	Gen Mills	60	60	Placer Dm	10%	10%
Amex	25%	25%	Gen Motors	36%	36%	PNC Fncl	36%	36%
Amoco	50%	51%	Gen RE	87%	87%	Prnhdle Esn	13	12%
AMP	51%	51%	Gen Signal	46%	48%	Polaroid	24%	24%
AMR	57%	58%	Genuine Pts	42%	42%	PPG Inds	53%	53%
Anheuser-B	53%	53%	Georgia-Pac	52%	52%	Prctr Gmble	84%	83%
Apple Comp	49%	50%	Gillette	41	41%	Price	58	58%
Archer-Dan	24%	24%	Goodrich	44	44%	Primerica	33	33%
Arkla	15%	15%	Goodyear	42%	42%	Pub Service	27%	28
Armco	4%	4%	Grace	36%	36%	Quaker Oats	58	58%
Armstrong	32%	32%	Greyhound	36%	36%	Ralston Pur	48	48%
Asarco	27%	27%	Gt Atlantic	34%	35	Raychem	29%	29%
Ashland Oil	30%	30%	Gt Western	16%	17%	Raytheon	78%	78%
AT&T	38	38%	GTE	28%	28%	Reebok	33%	33%
Atlan Richfld	115	117%	Hallibrtn	33%	33	Roadway	48	48
Auto DP	33%	33	Heinz	36%	36%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	20%	20%	Hercules	40	41%	Rohm Haas	44%	44%
Avon Prod	44%	44%	Hershey Fd	38%	39	Royal Dutch	79%	79%
Baltimore	30%	30%	Hewlett Pkd	49	46%	Rubbermaid	58	58
Banc One	43%	43%	Hilton Htl	39%	40	Rymlds Mtl	56%	57%
Bankamerica	41	40%	Home Depot	53%	54	Safeco	35%	35%
Bard	24%	24%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	21%	21%
Barnett Bk	31%	31%	Honeywell	53%	53%	Sant Fe Pac	9%	9
Bausch Lmb	45%	45%	Houston Ind	38%	38%	Sara Lee	43	43%
Baxter Intl	33%	33%	Hsehld Intl	58%	59%	Schecorp	44%	44%
Bec Dickn	68%	68	Humana	31	31%	Schlumbgr	65%	65%
Bell Atlan	46%	47%	IBM	104%	104%	Schrg-Plgh	55%	56%
Bellsouth	48	49%	IF&F	82%	82	Scott Papr	37%	37%
Bkr Hughes	24	23%	Illinois TW	65%	65%	Seagram	105%	106%
Black Decker	16%	16%	Inco	31	30%	Sears Rbk	38%	39%
Block	62%	62%	Ingsol-Rand	49%	49%	Secrty Pac	32%	32%
Bnkrs Tst NY	58%	58	Inland Steel	20%	20%	Shrwn-Wlms	23%	23%
Boeing	50%	49%	Intel	40	41	Skyline	14%	14%
Boise Casc	24%	24%	Intl Paper	68%	67%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
Borden	31%	32	ITT	58%	58%	Southern	28%	28%
Brist-Myer	84%	84%	James River	21%	21%	St Paul	64	64%
Browng-Fer	19%	19%	Johnsn Jhsn	88%	89	Stanley Wk	38%	38%
Burl Nth	33	33%	K Mart	42%	42%	Stone Cntr	19%	19%
CAI	7%	7%	Kellogg	106%	106%	Sun Co	31%	31%
Campbell Sp	73%	74%	Kerr-McGee	41%	41%	Suntst Bk	35%	35%
Cap Cities	423%	424%	Kimbly-Clrk	91%	91%	Super Valu	26	25%
Capital HC	43%	44%	Knght-Rddr	50%	50%	SW Bell	56%	56%
Carolina	48%	48%	Lilly	79%	81%	Syntex	42%	42%
Caterpillar	45%	46%	Limited	25%	25	Sysco	43	43%
CBS	156	154%	Lin Brdcstg	73%	70%	Tandem	12	12%
Central SW	47%	47%	Lincln Nat	47%	48	Tandy	26%	26%
Champion	25%	25	Litton Ind	89	89%	Tele-comm	15%	16
Chase Man	18%	18%	Lockheed	40%	40%	Teledyne	19%	20
Chem Bnkg	25%	25%	Louis-Pac	41%	41%	Temple-In	48%	48%
Chevron	72%	72%	Manu Hano	28%	28%	Tenneco	38%	38%
Chrysler	10%	10%	Marriott	16%	16%	Texaco	62%	62%
Chubb	61%	62%	Marsh Mclen	75%	76%	Texas Inst	29%	29%
Cigna	45%	45%	Martin Mar	52%	52%	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	14%	14%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	35%	34%
Clorne Liz	42%	42%	May Dept	55%	56%	Time Wrnr	81	81%
Clorox	40	39%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	30%	30%
Cmwlth Edis	39%	40%	McDnl Doug	57	57%	Timken	27	27%
CNA Fincl	86	86%	McDonalds	33%	33%	Torchmark	49%	49%
Coastal	30%	30%	McGraw-Hill	53%	54	Toys R Us	33%	33%
Coca-Cola	64%	64%	MCI Com	28%	28%	Transam	37%	36%
Colgate-Pal	41%	40%	Mead	31%	31%	Travelers	19%	19%
Columb Gas	17%	17%	Medtronic	69%	70	Tribune	40%	40%
Compaq	31	31%	Mellon Bk	33%	32%	TRW	42%	41%
Conagra	45%	45%	Melville	47%	47%	Tyco Lab	38%	38%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	128%	130%	UAL	128%	129%
Cons NG	41%	41%	Merll Lynch	47%	47%	Un Camp	44%	43%
Cons Rail	71%	71%	Minnesota	88%	88%	Un Carbide	21%	21%
Cooper Ind	51%	51%	Mobil	68%	68	Un Pacific	93%	93%
Corning	68%	69	Monsanto	65%	64%	Unilever	83%	82%
CPC Intl	87%	87%	Moore	23%	23%	Unisys	n/a	n/a
Crown Cork	91%	91%	Morgan JP	59%	59%	Unocal	24%	24%
CSX	49%	50%	Motorola	61	61	Upjohn	43%	43%
Dana	30%	30%	Nat Medical	23%	23	US Life	40%	40%
Dayton-Hud	73%	73	Nat Semi	4%	4%	US West	35%	37%
Deere	54%	54%	Nat Service	23%	23%	Usair Gp	10%	10%
Delta Air	63%	64%	Navistar	2%	3	USF&G	7	6%
Deluxe	46%	47	NCNB	36%	36%	UST	48%	48%
Detroit Ed	30%	30%	NCR	108	108	USX Mar	31%	31%
Digital Eq	55%	55	NED Bncp	42%	42%	Utd Tech	45%	45%
Dillard	132%	134%	Newmnt Min	37	36%	Utd Telcm	24%	24%
Disney	112%	112%	Niagr Mhwk	16%	16%	VF	34%	34%
Dominion	50%	50%	Nike	51%	52%	Wal-Mart	49	49%
Donnelley	45%	45%	NL Indstrs	13	13%	Waste Mgmt	35%	35%
Dover	36%	36%	Nordstorm	44%	46%	Wells Fargo	73%	74%
Dow Chem	51%	52%	Norflk Sthn	52%	62%	Westg Elec	22%	22%
Dow Jones	26%	26%	Norwest	32%	32%	Weyerhsr	27%	26%
Dresser Ind	19%	19%	Nthn St Pwr	38%	38%	Whirlpool	36%	36%
Du Pont	44%	44%	Nthn Telcm	39	39%	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	30%	30%	NY Times	22%	22%	Winn-Dixie	35%	33%
Dun Bradst	47%	47%	Nynex	75%	76%	Woolworth	29%	29%
East Kodak	42%	42%	Occid Petrl	22%	23%	Wrigley	62%	62%
Eaton	62%	63	Ohio Edi	19%	19%	Wrner-Lamb	70%	71%
Emerson El	45%	48%	Oracle Sys	11%	11	Xerox	56%	59%

Japanese brokers face bond sales ban

From REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S big four brokers are to be barred from underwriting government bonds for one month, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, said. The firms are Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko, and Yamaichi.

All have been implicated this year in scandals involving improper compensation of selected clients for investment losses. Japanese government bond prices fell slightly on news of the firms' temporary ban from the market.

One bond manager said the ban applied to all bond auctions, including the most active 10-year bonds. The finance ministry will not now hold an auction on Wednesday of Y800 billion of 10-year bonds because of confusion over the one-month ban, a ministry official said.

Mr Hashimoto made his announcement to a parliamentary committee investigating the recent securities and financial scandals. Earlier the panel's chairman said the four had continued to compensate some clients for losses even after an earlier assumed cut-off date of March 31, 1990.

Nomura, Nikko, Daiwa and Yamaichi led more than 20 top brokers which admitted improperly compensating big clients in violation of a 1989 finance ministry directive. The big four admitted improper compensation of Y128.32 billion (£555 million) in the 30 months to March 1990 but had acknowledged nothing later than that.

The finance ministry penalised the big four by requiring them to limit trade for four business days. But Akira Oono, the committee chairman, said the brokers had continued compensation totalling Y43.5 billion yen in the year to last March 31.

Mr Hashimoto confirmed the charge, saying an interim report by his ministry's special inspectors looking into big four activities in the 1990-1 financial year showed Nomura compensated six customers for Y435 million of investment losses, Daiwa 20 customers for Y3.28 billion, Nikko 38 customers for Y23.48 billion, and Yamaichi 14 customers for Y16.37 billion.

Tackling another allegation against Nomura Securities, one of the world's biggest brokerage houses, Hashimoto said it was difficult to determine whether the company violated the securities exchange law in October 1989 when it aggressively sold shares of Tokyu Corp, the railway company.

Ministry officials have said they suspected Nomura manipulated Tokyu shares after huge purchases of the shares by the head of Japan's second-largest crime syndicate.

TEMPUS

Hays distributes an antidote to recession

HAYS is reinforcing its improving reputation by a solid performance through a recession that has left many another distribution and service group reeling. Pre-tax profits edged up 1 per cent to £56.8 million in the year to end-June with little difference between first- and second-half performance. The pre-tax increase rested on a £2.7 million fall in the net interest bill, thanks to healthy cash flow.

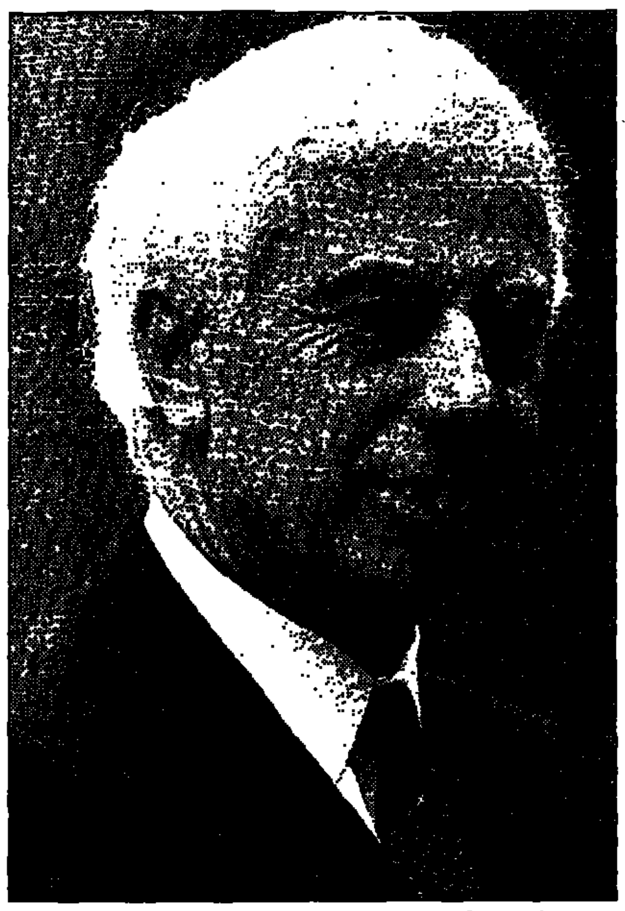
Operating profit was relatively stable, despite a fall in group sales and a predictable 39 per cent drop in profits of the accountancy recruitment division, to £11.6 million. Most of this was offset by growth in the commercial division, mainly in the document exchange and archive businesses, which are expanding fast enough to counter the recession.

There has also been underlying growth in the diverse distribution business, with increased profits from chemicals and dedicated distribution contracts outweighing the effect of recession on container stuffing, bonded warehouses and drinks distribution.

The company is also moving further into speciality chemical production and processing, important enough to be counted properly as a separate division. This is being expanded via new joint ventures with French firms in solvent recovery and chemicals for the water industry.

Hays shares have shrugged off the flopped 1989 flotation. At 163p, against the 105p sale price, they sell at 16.3 times earnings, up 3 per cent to 10p per share, and yield 3.3 per cent on a dividend up 14 per cent to 4p. This rating is looking for a combination of underlying growth and recovery from recession.

The group should deliver both. While it sees no sign of general upturn in trade, it looks healthy enough when the time comes. There should be medium-term growth from £23 million of recent acquisitions, yet to make an impact, and new long-term distribution contracts for Waitrose and Scottish & Newcastle beers. The shares are no longer cheap, but have momentum.



Shopping list: Ken Coates, chairman of Meggitt

Meggitt

MEGGITT, the specialist engineer, confounded the market in November 1989, when with 83 per cent of United Scientific Holdings under its arm it withdrew a £104 million bid for the company.

Meggitt said then it had belatedly discovered financial information about its intended target it did not like.

With hindsight, how wise its decision proved, because Ken Coates, the chairman, has in his sights a host of companies that have been knocked to their knees through the recession and their own unwise acquisitions. It is raising £39.6 million via a one-for-three rights issue at 80p in order to have its financial ammunition at the ready. The likely areas are America and Europe, with Germany in mind.

The 21.6 per cent cash call discount to Monday's 102p closing price suggests there should be little difficulty in getting the issue away. BTR, holding 18.2 per cent of Meggitt, has already said it will take up its rights.

Meanwhile, Meggitt's pre-tax profits at £12.25 million (£12.18 million) for the six months ended June 30 show that the group is passing through the recession in better shape than most of its competitors. Gearing has eased from 59 per cent at December 31 to a current 44 per cent, and is headed for 36 per cent by this year end, and interest cover is a respectable 7.5 times.

If Meggitt continues to concentrate on the parts of its empire that are serving it well, and on which in healthier economic times stronger margins are a prospect, pre-tax profits this year should reach £25.5 million and could rise to £32 million in 1992. On a 96.5p ex-rights price, the prospective p/e is 9.4 and the shares look attractive.

Mayborn surges to £1.3m

ORGANIC growth, increased market share and reduced interest charges helped Mayborn, the baby products to dyes group, buck the trend more than trebling interim profits. The USM-quoted company made pre-tax profits of £1.29 million (£401,000) in the half year to end-June.

Turnover rose 9 per cent to £15.2 million. Stock controls helped to trim interest payments to £325,000 (£464,000).

Earnings per share surged from 0.4p to 4.4p. The interim dividend is improved to 1.4p, against 1.3p last time. Mayborn shares added 9p to 75p.

Boge approval

The European Commission has approved Mannesmann's proposed takeover of Boge, the German car components maker, even though the deal brings together Europe's two largest makers of shock absorbers. The commission said the deal would not significantly impede competition.

P&O go-ahead

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, has allowed the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company to buy the Ellerman container business from Trafalgar House, for £62.5 million, on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading.

Inco finds gold

Inco, the Canadian nickel group, says recent drilling near Sudbury, Ontario, has identified two high grade copper-nickel deposits enriched with platinum, palladium and gold.

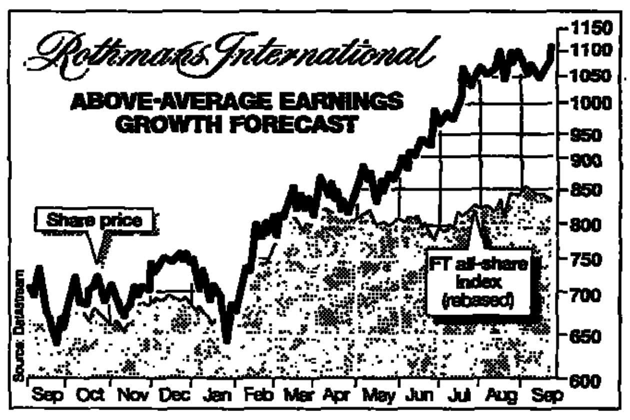
Ellis talks end

Talks on an offer to holders of preference shares in Ellis & Everard, the specialist chemicals concern, have ended without agreement.

STOCK MARKET

Shares becalmed in narrow range

SHARE prices traded in narrow limits throughout the day as arbitrageurs continued to unwind their positions ahead of the expiry of the September series on the futures market later this week.



Dealers said the tail wagged the dog as professional investors scrambled to cover short positions. Recent takeover speculation and economic revival have seen a big premium established in the FT-SE 100 index September series. At the start of business yesterday, 4,000 open contracts had still to be sorted out.

As a result, most institutional investors remained on the sidelines, with the FT-SE 100 index see-sawing in a 12-point band before closing 2.9 lower at 2,576.6. The FT index of 30 shares lost 7.1 at 2,009.4 with 452 million shares traded.

Government securities were left nursing falls of £⅛ at the longer end ahead of today's £1.5 billion auction.

Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, continued to lose ground, with the price sliding 4½p to 59½p as dealers braced themselves for details of a £350 million rights issue, expected today. The shares fell 30 per cent last week after the company issued a grim profits warning and cut the dividend. There is speculation that the group is considering raising £350 million through a two-for-three rights issue at 45p. Dealers do not rule out a bid.

Sears, the Freemans mail order and Saxone to Selfridges group, touched 99p before closing 2p higher at 95p in active trade that saw more than 5 million shares change hands as bid speculation intensified. Sears, an old takeover favourite, is now seen as a possible target for **Kingfisher**, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q retailer, down 7p at 543½p. Speculators have been saying for some time that Kingfisher will take advantage of its strong share price to make an acquisition.

In its latest review of Northwest companies, John Siddall, the Manchester stockbroker recommends Airtours, Boddington, 1p firmer at 162p, British Vita, 1p dearer at 256p, Coats Viyella, 1p up at 180p, Intercare 1p higher at 124p and Pilkington, 4p lower at 152p.

Interim figures from Sears next Tuesday are expected to paint a bleak picture with pre-tax profits more than halved at £30 million. The Fayed brothers, owners of the House of Fraser stores group, continue to hold around 10 per cent of the shares. The continued absence of a suitor left **Allied-Lyons** 16p lower at 628p after its recent strong run. There has been persistent talk that either Philip Morris, the US tobacco and food group, or Anheuser-Busch, the brewer, might be putting together offers for the company. The traded options market saw heavy call-option activity; turnover reached a further 2.3 million in the cash market.

Rothmans International, the tobacco and luxury goods group, jumped 25p to £11.06½ as Warburg Securities, the broker, switched its recommendation from hold to buy. It is looking for above-average earnings growth in the next couple of years and urges clients to take advantage of the shares' recent underperformance.

BAT Industries saw earlier gains halved with a rise of 7p to 645p after the company denied it was about to axe a large number of jobs at its Eagle Star subsidiary. Eagle Star recently reported losses of £200 million. **The News Corporation**, the publishing and media group, fell 8p to 475p despite a buy recommendation from JB Were, the Australian broker. It says News Corp has promising medium- to long-term prospects and reckons its financial position has improved because of recent debt rescheduling.

Tarmac, the housebuilder and building materials group, rose 1p to 202p despite an 80 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to £18.2 million. Dealers said the share price had been helped by the maintained dividend of 3p.

Maxwell Communication Corporation, the company headed by publisher Robert Maxwell, touched 162p before rallying to finish 6½p cheaper at 163½p after critical television and newspaper reports. **Mirror Group Newspapers**, floated off earlier this year, fell 5p to 89p.

Polypipe, the plastic pipes and fittings group, continued to celebrate its increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £13.9 million. The shares rose 11p to 219p. BZW expects further progress despite a flat building materials market and forecasts profits for the current year of £15.5 million.

Rank Organisation lost another 3p at 674p in response to analysts' profit downgradings earlier this week. **Thorn EMI** also shed 6p to 799p. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, has cut its current-year profit forecast for Thorn EMI by £22 million to £268 million.

Airtours, the tour operator, firmed 4p to 681p after agreeing to lease three McDonnell-Douglas MD-83 167-seater aircraft, adding to its existing fleet of five. The new aircraft, which are due to go into service next March in time for the summer, are expected to add between £1.5 million and £1.8 million to the group's bottom line. Analysts were previously looking for pre-tax profits of about £18 million for the year to end-September.

Boots, the chemist, jumped 4p to 419p with Morgan Stanley, the New York securities house, reckoned to be pushing the shares. There are growing hopes that the US Food and Drug Administration will grant approval for Manoplax, the group's new heart drug, to be distributed when it meets next month.

Rival **Glaxo** fell 12½p to £13.56¼ after further critical comment about use of inhalers by asthma sufferers at a conference this week in Brussels. Glaxo has two anti-asthma treatments, Ventolin and Serevent, and has been conducting further tests with asthma sufferers.

P&P, the computer systems group, jumped 10p to 119p. The price has risen 20 per cent so far this week, helped by bullish reviews from Hoare Govett and UBS Phillips & Drew. Both recommend P&P as a recovery stock. Hoare Govett forecasts pre-tax profits of £8 million for the current year compared with £13.1 million last time.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,533	Cadbury	1,240	Lonrho	435	Royal Ins	214
Alld-Lyons	2,363	CU	176	Lucas	1,134	Sainsbury	2,899
Anglian	185	Courtaulds	1,550	M&S	3,207	Scot & N	1,315
ASDA	5,885	Enterprise	181	Maxwell Cm	3,493	Scot Power	7,774
AB Foods	106	Eurotunnel	1,834	MEPC	401	Sears	5,128
Argyll	1,325	Fisons	2,099	Midland	993	Severn Trnt	385
Arjo Wigg	457	Forte	844	Natl Power	15,301	Shell	3,213
BAA	703	Gen Acc	439	Nat West	1,339	Smith & N	965
BET	1,528	GEC	3,752	N W Water	517	SK Beech	612
BTR	2,750	Glaxo	2,161	P&O	1,234	Sun Allnce	28
BAT	2,936	Grand Met	1,155	Pearson	31	Tarmac	6,177
Barclays	3,216	GUS 'A'	54	Pilkington	2,205	Tate Lyle	195
Bass	774	GRE	1,398	PowerGen	8,652	TSB	1,846
BICC	2,056	Guinness	884	Prudential	1,018	Tesco	4,537
Bk Scotlnd	2,130	Hanson	4,578	Rank	334	Thames Wtr	768
Blue Circle	1,501	Hawker	240	R&C	1,346	Thorn EMI	1,073
BOC	1,023	Hillsdown	585	Redland	843	Trafalgar	1,899
Boots	3,015	ICI	1,131	Reed	3,187	Ultramar	1,146
Br Aero	882	Inchcape	507	Rentokil	259	Unilever	1,848
Br Airways	1,606	Kingfisher	2,203	Reuters	1,186	United Bis	381
Br Gas	3,862	Lasmo	452	RMC Gp	433	Vodafone	4,017
Br Petrol	8,286	Ladbroke	1,998	RTZ	1,451	Wellcome	117
Br Steel	5,150	Land Sec	1,222	R-Royce	2,939	Whitbrd	1,366
Br Telecm	3,247	L&G	564	Rothmans 'B'	651	Williams	1,876
C&W	1,654	Lloyds	1,284	Royal Bank	3,252	Willis Cor	23

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New York:
Dow Jones .... 3005.14 (-5.37)*
S&P Composite .... 384.65 (-1.27)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 23333.70 (+140.96)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3904.19 (-6.15)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1110.65 (-0.53)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 90.6 (-0.1)
Sydney: AO .... 1555.5 (-7.4)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1626.63 (+12.47)
Brussels:
General .... 5449.69 (-55.43)

Paris: CAC .... 495.32 (-1.62)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 520.5 (-0.9)

London:
FT—A All-Share .... 1249.20 (-1.48)
FT—"500" .... 1383.84 (-2.32)
FT. Gold Mines .... 161.3 (+2.2)
FT. Fixed interest .... 97.13 (+0.31)
FT. Govt Secs .... 87.52 (same)
Bargains 27314
SEAQ Volume 452.4m
USM (Datastream) ... 130.24 (+1.28)

*Denotes midday trading price

Holt froths to half-time £3m

SHAREHOLDERS at Holt (Joseph), the Manchester independent brewer, will benefit from an improved interim dividend of 9p, compared with 8p last time. This follows an advance in taxable profits from £2.76 million to £3.33 million in the half year to end-June, as turnover increased from £8.3 million to £10.6 million. Earnings per share rise to 72.88p, against 59.38p last time. The shares responded with an 18p advance to £19.93.

IoD chief urges switch to R&D

PETER Morgan, director-general of the Institute of Directors, has urged a "radical switch" from defence spending to commercial research and development to help manufacturing industry.

He said Britain should bring research budgets into line with those in Germany and Japan, adding that the need to improve capability to innovate and create wealth was vital.

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Michelin loss tops Fr1bn in first half

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

MICHELIN, the world's largest tyre maker, increased its first-half net attributable loss from Fr363 million to Fr1.06 billion this year, but the French company is adamant that it will return to profitability by the end of this year.

Michelin's losses are a sympton of the difficulties facing the international tyre industry, which has been hit by the slump in car sales and a fall in margins.

The company's competitors, including its two European rivals, Pirelli and Continental, have also been affected, although Michelin has problems of its own, as a result of an ambitious acquisition policy in America.

In April, Michelin announced 16,000 job cuts, over ten per cent of the its worldwide workforce. Half of the redundancies are planned for the last quarter of this year, and the remainder for next year.

The job cuts weighed heavily in the company's financial performance last year and during six months this year. Last year, the severance costs were Fr3.4 billion, and the total net loss for 1990 amounted to Fr4.81 billion. In the first half of this year, the redundancy charges were Fr683 million.

The underlying trading performance worsened over the past year. Turnover rose from Fr27.2 billion in the first six months of 1990 to Fr33 billion this year on the back of acquisitions, while the underlying turnover excluding acquisitions fell 1.1 per cent. Operating profits fell from Fr1.61 billion to Fr1.26 billion.

To counter the effect of the recession, the large tyre producers have all announced price rises. Michelin brand tyres for the replacement market will go by 6.5 per cent from October, while Uniroyal Goodrich, the American tyre maker bought by Michelin last year, will raise its prices by 8 per cent.

Mucklow beats slump to £10.8m

By MATTHEW BOND

A&J Mucklow, the Midlands property group, has reported higher profits and an increase in net assets per share for the year to end-June.

Pre-tax profits rose £250,000 to £10.8 million, while net assets per share advanced from 143p to 158p. The rise in net assets stems largely from a £10.5 million pensionfund surplus received after the company spent £8.6 million on buying in 6.9 million ordinary shares owned by the pension fund. The bought-in shares have now been cancelled.

The surplus made up for a modest fall in the value of the company's investment properties. A revaluation of the company's trading properties produced a surplus of £13.2 million, but this has not been included in the accounts.

The company said conditions in the industrial property market remained weak and reported a big rise in the amount of vacant space in its portfolio, from 208,000 sq ft to 580,000 sq ft.

A final dividend of 3.078p is being paid (2.9p) to make a total of 5.643p (5.13p).

Porth deeper in the red

By PHILIP PANGALOS

PORTH Group, Britain's biggest producer of Christmas decorations, will be hoping for a festive Christmas after unveiling its usual first-half losses.

The South Wales company surprised the City when it appointed Sir Michael Edwardes, former head of British Leyland, as non-executive chairman in April, hoping that his guidance would help steer the group to profitability. The move was part of Porth's financial restructuring, which included a £3.5 million rights issue to bolster the balance sheet.

Porth has passed its interim dividend (0.5p) after unveiling increased pre-tax losses of £1.82 million in the six months to end-June, against £1.52 million last time. The loss per share was trimmed to 8.2p, against 9.9p previously.

Neill Bell, chief executive, emphasised that the significance of the interim results was limited, as Porth Decorative Products, the group's largest subsidiary is "highly seasonal" and is expected to make losses of that magnitude in the first half. "Profits are achieved exlusively in the second half," he added.

Christmas wishes: Neill Bell, Porth chief executive

An "element of recession" and cost savings, including deliberately delayed production at the Christmas decorations subsidiary, led to reduced early deliveries and pushed turnover down to £2.47 million (£3.08 million).

Ifor Williams, finance director, expects this year to be tough, although there should be an improvement on last year. He said that a late Christmas rush would be of little benefit as Porth would not be able to exploit it fully. However, an upturn is expected next year. The USM-quoted shares eased 1p to 16p.

Chrysler cash call threatened by share plunge

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

CRACKS are begining to appear among the band of 90 American underwriters guaranteeing a vital $300 million worth of fresh cash from the sale of new shares in Chrysler, the troubled car giant.

While Lee Iacocca, Chrysler's chairman, toured London last week to entice European fund managers to take some of the 33 million shares being issued, Prudential Securities, the American stockbroker, dropped out of the underwriting syndicate as Philip Fricke, its analyst, slashed his Chrysler profit forecast from $1.50 to just 25 cents a share.

Mr Fricke says: "Chrysler's cash flow problems look chronic; we do not see a lot in the future that inspires enthusiasm."

Prudential was not available for comment but Wall Street says other underwriters are begining to get nervous about the deal. Chrysler's shares have slumped 24 per cent to $10.625 since the issue was announced six weeks ago.

The plunge brings down the likely proceeds from the issue from almost $500 million to just over $300 million. Chrysler was hopeful that the shares, which stood at $14.375 when the issue was first announced, would be priced at between $10 and $11 each.

Wall Street sees two major reputations riding on the Chrysler fund raising: that of Mr Iacocca who turned Chrysler around from the brink of bankruptcy ten years ago; and Salomon Brothers, the lead underwriter.

Salomon is in need of a successful share sale since the scandal-battered investment bank was dropped as lead manager for the American portion of the British Telecom sale amid its admissions of illegal bidding in the US Treasury bond market.

Chrysler is desperate for money in the face of its worst car sales figures and losses for more than a decade. Under its new $1.75 billion agreement with bankers, it must keep net worth above $6.5 billion. The figure stood at $6.4 billion in June, and the company faces sizeable third-quarter losses.

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Ladbroke N/P	30½ –1½
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(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons	550	90	107	120	5½	16	18
(*628)	600	53	74	89	17	33	37
	650	26	50	65	40	57	57
ASDA	60	8	15	18	3	8½	11
(*60)	70	5	10	14	15	12	19
	80	3½	7	9	21	20	25
Bass	929	62	–	–	7	–	–
(*975)	977	28	–	–	22	–	–
	1026	9	–	–	54	–	–
Boots	390	35	45	57	2	9	10
(*419)	420	12	27	38	11	18	23
	460	2½	10	18	42	44	47
Br Airways	160	27	29	35	2	4½	7½
(*182)	180	9	16	22	5	12	14
	200	3	7	13	19	23	26
BP	300	34	38	42	1	4	6½
(*329)	330	9	17	23	7	13	17
	360	1½	6	10	31	33	35
Br Steel	120	10½	13	17	1½	4	5½
(*128)	130	4	7½	11	5	9	10
	140	1	3	6½	13	16	17
C & W	500	55	69	–	3	10	–
(*550)	550	19	38	52	15	25	32
	600	4	16	30	55	58	62
CU	460	64	78	–	1½	3	–
(*516)	500	27	45	54	5	12	19
	550	3½	17	26	35	37	43
Courtauld	420	49	59	72	2	6½	10½
(*464)	460	18	32	46	11	20	23
	500	4	16	27	40	44	46
GKN	330	50	59	65	1¼	4½	10
(*377)	360	25	38	45	4	12	20
	390	7	22	29	20	27	36
Grand Met	800	30	58	70	15	35	42
(*810)	850	9	33	48	48	63	69
	900	3	16	30	96	98	102
ICI	1250	67	117	135	15	32	52
(*1291)	1300	33	87	104	31	54	74
	1350	16	60	77	65	79	100
Kingfisher	500	45	62	75	2½	10	15
(*544)	550	12	32	46	20	28	35
	600	3	13	26	64	65	66
Ladbroke	249	14	21	28	6	12	16
(*258)	268	5	12	18	18	22	27
	287	1½	7	12	35	37	39
Land Sec	460	80	–	–	1	–	–
(*535)	500	42	–	–	2½	–	–
	550	7	–	–	22	–	–
M & S	260	18	25	33	3	7½	9
(*271)	280	6	13	21	11	17	19
	300	2	7	12½	30	31	32
Sainsbury	326	37	45	–	1½	4½	–
(*352)	356	11	22	–	8	13	–
	386	3	10	–	31	32	–
Shell	460	38	53	57	2	5½	10
(*491)	500	9	26	32	14	20	28
	550	2	7	11	62	62	62
Smkl Beech	750	29	56	73	13	26	34
(*759)	800	9	30	48	45	52	57
	850	2	15	30	93	93	95
Storehse	110	8	11	14	5	8	10
(*112)	120	2¾	6	9	12	15	17
	130	1½	4	6	19	22	23
Trafalgar	211	32	–	–	2	–	–
(*240)	231	15	–	–	6	–	–
	251	6½	–	–	17	–	–
Ultramar	240	8	15	18	13	16	22
(*233)	260	4	8	11	29	32	36
	280	1½	4	6	52	52	52
Unilever	650	112	–	–	1	–	–
(*755)	700	63	80	–	2	8	–
	750	26	47	65	14	23	28
	800	6	24	38	50	52	54
Utd Bisc	360	39	45	52	2	7	12
(*395)	390	14	25	34	11	17	25
	420	4	12	19	32	35	41

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	390	73	79	–	1½	4½	–
(*457)	420	46	54	66	4½	11	16
	460	19	30	44	18	27	31
BAT Ind	600	62	82	92	4	9	14
(*645)	650	27	48	60	17	25	31
	700	7	25	35	54	57	59
	750	2	11	20	106	106	106
BTR	390	27	39	45	6½	12	19
(*405)	420	10	22	28	21	27	33
	460	2½	9	13	58	58	60
Br Aero	390	40	53	55	11	16	25
(*425)	420	22	36	39	24	31	40
	460	8	19	24	51	56	65
Br Telecm	360	38	45	53	3½	8	10
(*389)	390	16	24	35	13	21	23
	420	4½	12	21	33	37	39
Cadbury	390	35	47	51	12	18	25
(*405)	420	18	30	37	27	33	37
	460	8	17	22	58	58	62
Guinness	950	94	122	137	7	15	25
(*1028)	1000	56	85	102	18	31	42
	1050	27	57	75	43	53	65
GEC	180	14	18	–	3	5	–
(*190)	200	3½	–	–	14	–	–
	220	1	–	–	31	–	–
Hanson	200	28	30	33	1	5½	6½
(*224)	220	12	16	20	5	12	14
	240	3½	7	12	17½	25½	26
LASMO	300	22	33	35	11	15	19½
(*307)	330	8	17	23	30	32	37
	360	4	8	13	58	58	58
Lucas	140	17	18	22	5½	8	9½
(*148)	160	5	8	12	18	20	21
	180	1½	4	6½	36	37	38
P & O	472	49	65	–	5	11	–
(*504)	519	18	35	43	25	30	40
	566	5½	17	24	64	63	70
Pilkington	140	20	24	–	3	7	–
(*152)	160	8½	13	19	11	16	19
	180	2½	6½	10½	27	30	33

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Prudential	240	20	29	33	4	6½	10
(*252)	260	8½	17	21	12	15	19
	280	3	9	12	29	29	31
Racal Elec	51	8	10	–	2½	4½	–
(*57)	55	4	–	–	4½	–	–
	60	3	4½	–	6½	7½	–
RTZ	500	53	70	77	4	11	17
(*539)	550	21	39	46	20	30	38
	600	5½	18	24	64	65	66
Scot New	360	55	60	–	1½	6½	–
(*404)	390	29	39	50	7	16	18
	420	12	22	34	22	31	33
Tesco	240	21	–	–	2½	–	–
(*254)	260	8½	17	21	11	13	15
	280	4½	9	13	28	28	29
Thames W	350	37	43	–	2½	6	–
(*376)	370	20	29	–	7	13	–
	400	6	13	–	25	29	–
Vodafone	300	81	85	–	1	3½	–
(*375)	330	51	60	–	3	8	–
	360	29	38	–	8	14	–

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons	460	13	28	40	14	23	29
(*455)	500	3	14	25	46	50	53
	550	1	5	10½	96	97	97

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat	280	16	27	34	1	5	9
(*293)	300	1½	14	22	8	13	18
	330	1	3½	9	37	37	38
Amstrad	45	8	10	12½	½	2½	3½
(*52)	50	3½	7½	10	½	4	6
	60	¼	3	5½	8½	10	12
Barclays	420	42	55	65	1	5	11
(*460)	460	3	26	39	4	17	26
	500	½	11	20	43	45	48
Blue Circ	240	22	30	38	1	4½	7½
(*259)	260	3	17	26	3	11	15
	280	1	8½	17	22	24	27
Br Gas	240	36	42	45	½	1½	4
(*274)	260	16	25	29	1	4	7½
	280	2	12	17	7	11	16
Dixons	240	14	24	33	1	7	12
(*251)	260	1½	12	22	10	16	20
	280	1	6	14	30	29	32
Eurotunnel	460	80	95	120	1	10	18
(*530)	500	40	67	90	1½	22	30
	550	5	40	60	25	40	50
Forte	260	11	19	27	1	7½	10½
(*269)	280	1½	8½	15	12	19	21
	300	1	3½	8½	32	35	36
Glaxo	1300	74	123	162	1	27	41
(*1369)	1350	25	90	130	5	43	60
	1400	3	64	103	34	67	80
Hawker	550	205	204	212	1	1	2½
(*752)	600	155	154	160	1	2	4
	650	105	110	112	1	4	11
Hillsdown	220	39	42	47	1	2	5
(*256)	240	19	25	32	1	6½	10
	260	2	13	20	7	16	19
Lonrho	220	21	30	32	1	4½	9½
(*239)	240	3½	17	19	4½	11	19
	260	½	7½	10	22	24	33
Midland	220	35	44	49	1	3½	6½
(*253)	240	15	29	38	1	8½	13
	260	1	16	26	9	17	24
Reuter	800	136	158	180	1	8	18
(*935)	850	86	117	142	1	16	30
	900	36	88	110	1	30	50
	950	4	52	80	23	54	70
R-Royce	130	13	18	22	½	3½	7
(*142)	140	3	10	15½	2	6½	11
	160	1	4	7½	20	21	24
Sears	80	17	18	21	1	2	3½
(*95)	90	7	11½	14½	2	4½	6½
	100	½	5½	10	7	9	11
Thorn EMI	700	103	117	124	1	4	8
(*798)	750	50	71	82	4	9	18
	800	5	36	49	4	30	35
	850	1	12	25	55	60	62
TSB	130	18	22	24½	1	1½	3½
(*146)	140	9	14½	17	1	3½	7
	160	1	5	7½	14	15	18
Vaal Reefs	60	4	8½	10	1	4½	7½
(*563)	70	3	5	7	9	11	14
Wellcome	650	87	–	123	1	–	17
(*730)	700	37	–	89	1	–	31
	750	2½	–	62	20	–	54

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elec	160	28	32	34	1½	3½	4½
(*183)	180	12	17	21	6	10	12
	200	3½	7	12	18	23	24

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power	130	36	38	40	¼	1½	2½
(*165)	140	26	30	30	½	2½	3½
	160	6	14	16½	2	6	9
Scot Power	100	14	18	21	1	1½	3
(*114)	110	4	10	14	1	4	6½
	120	1	5	9	7½	9	12

FT-SE INDEX (*2577)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	97	49	15	3	1	½
Oct	124	88	53	29½	15	7
Nov	149	112	81	57	33	19
Dec	172	136	112	82	60	42
Jun	270	–	209	–	158	–
Puts						
Sep	2	5½	25	70	120	170
Oct	18	31	50	85	121	175
Nov	31	50	62	89	133	189
Dec	42	56	78	105	140	180
Jun	90	–	120	–	180	–

September 24, 1991 Total: 31649 Calls 23721 Puts 8528 FT-SE: Calls 2052 Puts 3280

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 23	October 4	December 23	January 6

Call options were taken out on: 24/9/91 ASDA, Aviva, Colorgen, Essex Lighting, Lep, National Home Loans, Thames TV, Unigroup, Wilshaw.
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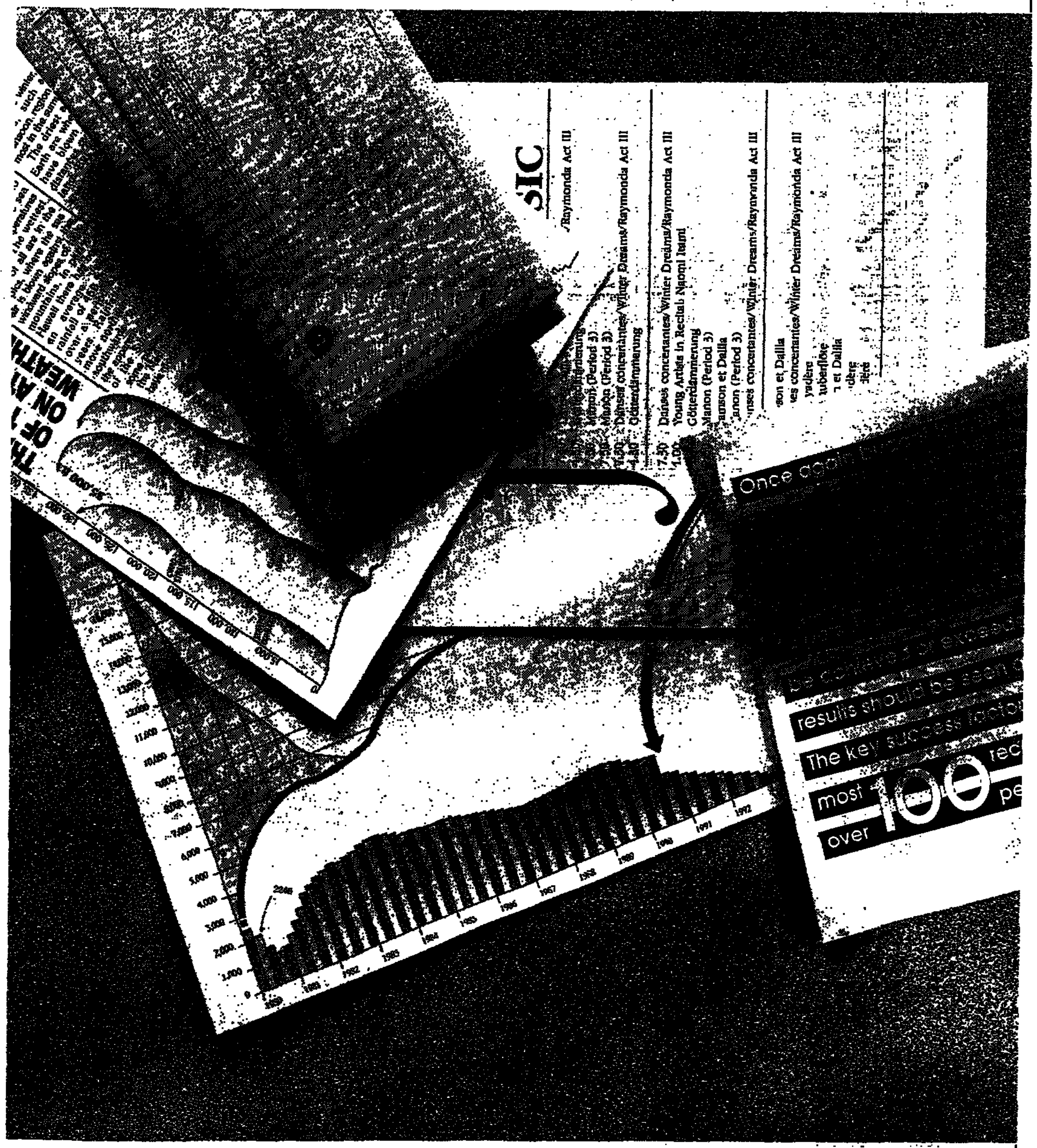

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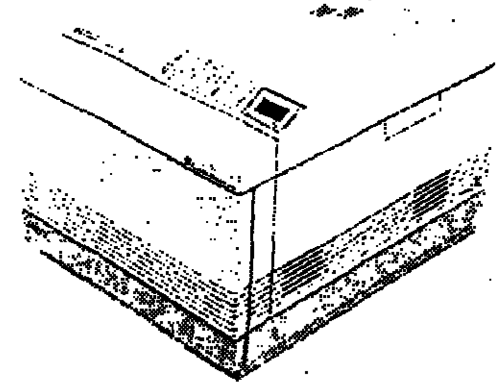

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NAm Gth	50.20	53.69	-0.16	1.49
Pacific Gth	72.84	77.88	+0.84	1.97
UK Gth Acc	84.14	89.97●	-0.22	2.49
Do Dist	73.83	78.95●	-0.19	3.18
UK Income	61.78	66.07●	-0.17	6.63

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capil	90.28	96.65●	-0.42	3.40
Euro Gth Inc	88.37	93.59●	-0.06	1.74
Extra Inc	98.83	105.7c	-0.10	6.17
General	204.8	219.0●	-0.9	3.91
Gt/Fxd Income	52.94	54.84●	-0.05	8.64
Inc Trust	436.9	467.3	-0.9	6.11

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	67.34	71.22	-0.03	0.40
Am Sm Cos	73.92	78.67	+0.14	0.20
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Convertible	46.90	50.15●	-0.28	8.30
East	126.3	134.7	-0.6	1.30
Equity Inc	78.73	83.75	+0.02	8.70
Euro Gth	179.2	190.2	-0.1	2.20
Euro Smir Cos	158.1	169.0	+0.5	1.50
Exmpt	70.82	72.80	..	3.90
German Gth	45.93	49.03	+0.24	1.10
Global Gth	92.66	98.36	+0.29	1.00
Jap Gth	159.3	170.6	+2.6	0.00
Jap Smaller	133.2	142.1	+1.2	0.00
Portfolio	99.4	103.5●	+0.2	3.90
Do Acc	169.9	176.8●	+0.3	3.90
UK Growth	57.60	61.27	+0.15	4.20
UK Smir Cos	74.07	79.21	+0.01	2.90
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	86.15	92.17c	-0.08	2.71
Do Inc	81.38	87.03c	-0.07	2.71
Global Bond	23.20	24.81	+0.17	6.58
High Yield Acc	42.85	45.83c	+0.64	5.18
Do Inc	33.95	36.31c	+0.50	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	61.78	66.08	-0.04	5.18
Do Inc	43.86	46.93	-0.03	5.18
Service Co Acc	71.74	76.72	+0.05	2.46
Do Inc	68.19	72.93	+0.05	2.46
Am Gth Acc	33.08	35.38	-0.01	1.28
Do Inc	32.47	34.72	-0.01	1.28
Euro Gth Acc	26.07	27.88●	-0.15	1.88
Do Inc	25.21	26.96●	-0.15	1.88
Managed Port	25.91	27.71●	+0.05	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	101.8	108.4●	-0.4	4.36
Smir Cos Acc	198.8	211.7c	-1.0	0.80
Do Inc	119.7	127.6c	-0.2	1.81
High Inc	62.75	66.83●	-0.63	6.54
Income	100.9	108.0c	-0.8	5.02
Man Portf Inc	82.43	87.79	-0.37	2.37
Do Acc	152.1	162.0	-0.6	2.20
Nth Amer	75.78	81.00		0.27
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Exempt	294.5	310.0	-0.3	4.37
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	54.31	57.78●	-0.26	2.94
Do Acc	59.28	63.05●	-0.29	2.94
Inc Fund 3	178.0	189.3	+0.1	5.80
Do Acc 3	377.7	401.8	+0.2	5.80
Inv Port Inc	55.35	57.28	-0.05	2.91
Do Acc	60.54	62.88	-0.05	2.91
Smir Inc 5	105.8	112.8	+0.5	3.20
Do Acc	122.2	130.0	+0.6	3.20
Hi Inc Prf Inc	51.21	53.07●	+0.06	6.30

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Gt Fxd Inf	62.67	63.70	-0.03	6.41

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5060

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Environ	107.2	114.1	-0.2	2.23
UK Growth	118.8	126.2●	-0.4	2.88
UK Income	111.0	118.1a	-0.2	5.45

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SE Asia	49.34	52.77●	+0.14	2.31
Growth	40.42	43.23a	-0.30	4.10
Income	49.26	52.69a	-0.30	6.01
Far East	38.8	41.5a	+0.4	0.75
Nth Amer	57.83	61.63a	-0.01	0.57
Global	61.77	65.08	-0.77	0.08
European	60.44	64.64	-0.06	2.91
Japan	94.71	101.3c	+1.00	0.07
Strategic Opp	50.17	53.36	-0.18	2.32
Intl Currency	48.12	51.05c	+0.07	8.84

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	92.65	98.57●	+0.15	0.28
Do Acc	98.62	104.9●	+0.15	0.28
European	58.07	61.57●	+0.11	1.32
Do Acc	60.01	63.64●	+0.12	1.32
F East/Gen	48.04	51.11	+0.62	0.00
Do Acc	48.04	51.11	+0.62	0.00
Gilt/Mon	221.9	238.1●	..	2.28
Do Acc	242.4	257.9●	..	2.28
Growth	298.2	318.3●	+0.4	2.87
Do Acc	496.2	527.9●	+0.7	2.87
Inc &Gth Inc	331.7	352.9	+0.6	4.96
Do Acc	413.8	440.1	+0.8	4.96
Master Portl	594.28	63.49c	+0.77	2.77
Do Acc	593.68	98.31c	+0.20	2.77
Spec Sits	67.82	71.94	+0.13	2.75
Do Acc	76.16	81.03	+0.15	2.76
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.67	11.00	+0.02	5.61
Do Acc	£11.50	11.86	+0.02	5.61

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-855 5050 Dealings: 071-855 5055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	148.4	158.2	-1.3	2.18
Capil	478.8	510.7c	-1.2	3.65
Euro Index	112.5	120.0	+0.1	1.97
Euro Growth	73.84	78.16	-0.08	1.94
Far East Gth	66.49	70.65	-0.01	1.19
Global Bond	20.38	21.61	+0.01	8.54
Gold Gen S S	59.45	63.44	+0.36	2.33
Hong Kong	41.23	44.00	-0.27	3.19
Income	453.7	484.1c	-0.8	5.20
Intl Gth	61.58	65.69	-0.04	1.30
Jap Gth	209.4	223.4c	+1.6	0.00
Jap Smir Cos	30.00	32.01	+0.05	0.00
Jap Index	62.68	67.21	+0.63	0.34
N Amer	308.9	327.5	-2.8	1.66
Sing Malay	32.12	34.27	-0.41	0.00
Tiger Index	86.14	91.83●	+0.78	1.32
UK Index	110.0	117.3	-0.2	3.90

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	58.19	62.24	-0.63	1.75
Euro Port	62.93	66.30c	-0.46	0.88
Jap Portf	45.04	47.98		0.00
Pacific Portf	60.54	65.10	-0.05	3.08
Portf	60.4	64.6	-0.4	3.10
UK Inc/Gth	58.79	63.17c	-0.30	5.16

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	558.3	582.9●	..	5.13
Fixed Int	138.8	140.3●	..	10.33
Deposit	100.0		..	10.45

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	538.8	538.4c	..	5.38
Acc	£18.44	18.67	..	
Deposit	100.0		..	10.45
Fixed Int Inc	113.3	113.5c	..	10.21
Do Acc	128.3	128.6●	..	

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amedis	52.82	55.61s	..	2.90
Beck Int Cp Ac	63.81	65.51c	..	5.33
Friar Hse Inc	174.9	185.3	..	5.17
Friar Hse Cap	214.8	227.8	..	2.68

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-681 2222 Dealing 081-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Gth	75.73	80.56	-0.40	1.53
Euro Gth	78.48	83.49c	-0.47	1.53
Far East	70.27	74.76	+0.08	0.77
Jap Gwth	35.22	37.47●	+0.04	0.00
Managed Inc	54.13	57.58	-0.11	5.09
Do Acc	62.13	66.10	-0.12	5.08
Monthly Inc	42.78	45.51●	-0.04	9.89
Smir Cos Inc	29.40	31.28	+0.05	3.20
Do Acc	31.53	33.54	+0.03	3.20
UK/Gen Inc	62.21	66.18	-0.05	3.99
Do Acc	71.32	75.87	-0.06	3.86
W'wide Bond	49.05	52.18●	+0.01	5.48
Do Acc	58.83	62.59●	+0.03	5.48
W'wide Sp Sits	43.67	46.71	-0.16	1.27
Do accum	45.32	48.47	-0.15	1.27
Quilter Gen Inc	106.0	112.8●	-0.04	1.97
Do Acc	114.0	121.3●	-0.04	1.97
Quilter Inc	89.75	95.48	+0.25	5.58
Do Acc	101.5	108.0	+0.26	5.58
Quilter Intl Inc	102.8	109.4	+0.14	0.01
Do Acc	103.8	110.4	+0.14	0.01
Qltr UK S/S Inc	71.82	76.19	-0.13	4.18
Do Acc	92.44	98.34	-0.17	4.18

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Finance/Prop	91.56	97.40●	+0.16	3.05
Fixed/Conv	34.90	37.13●	-0.03	8.77
Do Acc	82.13	87.37●	-0.07	8.77
Equity Inc	131.5	139.9●	-0.40	5.44
Do Acc	391.1	416.1●	-1.21	5.44
High Yield Inc	105.5	112.3●	-0.17	8.99
Do Acc	387.5	412.0●	-0.56	8.99
Preference Inc	39.15	41.65c	-0.01	10.31
Do Acc	177.8	189.1c	-0.05	10.31
PPT Europe	131.8	140.0	-0.63	0.61
PPT Global	61.75	65.69	+0.05	3.72
PPT Gld/Com	42.13	44.82	+0.27	2.89
PPT Thai	35.09	37.33	-0.15	0.00
PPT HK	49.71	52.88	-0.10	1.39
PPT Jap	102.9	109.5	+0.64	0.66
PPT Nth Amer	103.0	109.6	-0.49	1.02
PPT Sing/M	68.16	72.51	-0.44	0.00
PPT UK	102.3	108.8	+0.04	1.47
PPT Cash	93.24		+0.02	10.36

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	86.55	91.96	-0.29	1.15
Capil	132.9	141.2	-0.6	2.12
Convertible	23.32	24.79●	+0.08	8.07

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Europfund	33.13	35.02	-0.02	1.14
Exmpt Mngd	149.1	154.7c	-0.9	3.59
Growth/Inc	203.4	216.1●	-0.3	5.21
High Dist	149.8	159.2	+0.2	7.07
Intl	272.0	289.0	-0.8	1.73
Intl Inc	61.02	65.14●	+0.03	8.08
Pacific	35.18	37.28c	+0.06	1.07
Smlr Jap Cos	61.80	65.65	+0.89	0.00
Tokyo	172.9	182.4	+1.3	0.00
Ex Am 2	182.0	188.5c	+2.4	1.09
Ex Jap 3	111.9	116.0	..	0.48
Ex Smlr Jap 4	520.0	594.3	..	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Orientl Op Acc	56.17	59.75c	+0.21	1.42
Japanese	54.21	57.67●	+0.83	0.00
UK Balan Inc	101.1	107.5	-0.2	3.25
Do Acc	114.1	121.4	-0.3	3.25
UK Gth Accum	169.0	179.8	-0.4	1.59
UK HI Inc	119.0	126.6	-0.6	5.50
UK HI Inc Acc	127.8	136.0	-0.7	5.50
N Amer Acc	78.99	84.02	-0.09	1.09
Euro Acc	108.1	115.0●	+0.4	0.24
UK Pref/Fi Inc	56.51	59.94	-0.09	8.02
Do Acc	60.99	65.81	-0.04	8.02
Intl Sp S Acc	42.48	45.17●	+0.21	0.82
Envrnmt Opp	57.69	61.37	-0.08	1.31

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	148.2	157.5c	..	1.92

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	104.0	108.4	-0.43	4.99
High Inc	111.5	117.4	+0.08	6.06
T Of Inv Ts	113.8	118.8●	-0.15	3.26
Spec Sits	96.36	101.4●	-0.63	4.36
N Am	74.28	78.19●	-0.33	0.86
Far East	168.3	177.2	-1.01	1.27
Intl Gth	74.51	78.43	-0.42	1.86
Euro	56.81	59.80	-0.09	1.98
Smlr Cos	58.00	61.05	-0.05	3.60

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	266.4	283.5	-3.2	3.34
Do Inc	200.3	213.1	-2.5	3.34
Higher Inc Acc	468.9	498.9	-7.8	4.89
Do Inc	310.5	330.4	-5.0	4.89
Gilts/Fxd Acc	141.7	149.2●	-0.2	8.75
Do Inc	81.70	86.01●	-0.09	8.75
N America	177.5	188.9	+2.5	0.00
Far East	224.0	238.3	+1.7	0.33
Europe	202.4	215.4●	-0.9	0.04
Genrl	361.0	384.1●	-3.7	3.47
Genrl Acc	380.8	404.9●	-3.8	3.47
Br Excellence	56.15	59.74	-0.71	3.04
Br Fdmtls Inc	57.22	60.88●	-0.78	6.09
Do Acc	69.23	73.65●	-0.96	6.09
Global Ops	57.58	61.26	+0.60	0.02

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	160.8	170.0	-0.7	0.00
Cash Unit	132.49	●	+0.02	10.80
European	95.49	102.4	-0.30	0.00
Gth/Inc	129.2	138.6	+0.3	5.22
Inc Plus	105.8	113.5●	-0.7	7.14
UK Gth	54.46	58.41●	+0.08	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Income	80.20	84.88●	+0.12	3.65
Far East	115.7	124.2a	-1.0	0.00
O/seas Income	68.77	73.23	+0.08	3.28
UK Growth	69.66	74.50	-0.08	1.72
UK Inc Fund	105.3	112.6	-0.6	5.77
US Smlr Cos	138.2	147.8c	+1.0	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	289.7	315.3●	-0.5	..
Do Acc	296.0	322.1●	-0.8	..
Capil Inc	253.7	269.8●	+0.2	2.88
Do Acc	341.0	362.7●	+0.2	2.88
Cont Smlr Inc	41.34	44.00	-0.02	0.34
Do Acc	42.03	44.74	-0.02	0.34
Conv Inc	105.5	111.8	-0.1	7.12
Do Acc	178.2	188.8	-0.1	7.12
Euro Inc	88.57	94.51	-0.07	0.76
Do Acc	90.98	97.09	-0.07	0.76
Extra Inc Inc	255.1	271.3	+0.2	5.42
Do Acc	336.3	357.7	+0.3	5.42
Financial Acc	64.33	68.42	+0.11	0.88
Do Inc	62.17	66.13	+0.12	0.88
Inc Trust	166.0	176.5	.	5.28
Do Acc	212.2	225.7	.	5.28
Intl Gth	247.8	265.8	-0.1	..
Do Acc	276.2	295.1	-0.1	..
Jap & Gen Inc	141.2	151.4	+1.5	..
Do Acc	142.6	152.9	+1.5	..
Mangd Port Inc	78.54	82.67	+0.08	1.98
Do Acc	79.22	83.39	+0.08	1.98
Monthly Inc	129.8	138.0●	+0.3	5.37
Recov	209.8	227.9	+0.5	1.09
Do Acc	242.6	263.5	+0.6	1.09
Smlr Inc	39.52	42.03●	+0.10	3.68
Do Acc	43.74	46.52●	+0.20	3.68
Gilt Gth Inc	62.16	64.10	+0.13	5.04
Do Acc	67.51	69.62	+0.14	5.04
Gilt Inc Inc	59.73	61.58c	+0.08	8.68
Do Acc	67.84	69.95c	+0.09	8.68

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	289.1	307.5	-1.24	3.60
Do Acc	655.8	691.1	-2.37	3.60
Euro Gth Dist	90.96	96.77●	-0.18	0.66
Do Acc	92.71	98.63●	-0.19	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	117.8	124.49	-0.13	7.98
Do Acc	184.8	195.3●	-0.20	7.98
Intl Gth Dist	62.16	66.12	+0.18	0.61
Do Acc	63.67	67.73	+0.19	0.61
N Am Dist	138.2	147.1	+0.06	1.23
Do Acc	147.3	156.7	+0.06	1.23
Pac Basin Dist	186.7	198.7	+1.57	0.37
Do Acc	189.0	201.1	+1.59	0.37
Stwd Dist	247.4	263.2	-0.35	2.79
Do Acc	282.2	300.2	-0.40	2.79
Stwd Inc Dist	53.85	57.29●	-0.01	4.81
Do Acc	62.54	66.53●	-0.01	4.81
NAm Stwd Dist	70.17	74.65	+0.65	0.26
Do Acc	73.69	78.71	+0.68	0.26

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	68.58	72.60	-0.40	0.00
UK Cap Inc	144.4	154.5	+0.4	4.10
Do Acc	237.4	253.9	+0.6	4.11
Do Spec Sits	55.62	59.71c	-0.12	1.91
Inc Fund	99.26	106.2●	+0.20	7.70
Intl	184.2	197.1	-0.4	1.27
US/Genrl	65.41	69.55	-0.10	0.85
Jap & Genrl	351.8	373.4	+2.2	0.00
Far East/Gen	188.9	202.1	+0.1	0.30
Euro	317.3	338.3	+0.3	1.14
Germany	85.19	90.45c	+0.31	0.46
Intl Inc	55.77	59.38	-0.05	5.63
W'wid Spec Sit	91.19	97.53	-0.10	0.13
Global Prp Inc	47.86	51.18	+0.05	2.91
Do Acc	49.43	52.87	+0.06	2.91
Smlr Cos Div	43.22	46.23	+0.03	6.06

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	35.88	38.37●	+0.02	2.81
CashTrust**	115.84	●	+0.02	10.52
Pract Inv Inc	90.27	96.60●	+0.11	3.79
Do Acc	185.5	198.9●	+0.25	3.79
UK Sml Cos	103.4	110.6c	-0.05	2.68
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	63.13	67.52	+0.14	7.30
Preference	21.82	23.34	+0.45	12.13
High Inc	31.61	33.81a	+0.15	5.74
Income	108.3	115.9	+0.29	3.83
Intl Fxd Int	23.39	24.62●	+0.12	7.23
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	63.98	68.81	+0.32	1.48
Euroventures	17.37	18.53	-0.04	0.59
Frontier Mkts	32.38	34.65	-0.06	0.82
Glob Inc/Gth	80.32	85.74c	+0.28	3.01
UK/Intl	90.39	96.67	-0.24	3.02
Overseas Trusts				
American	89.03	95.12	+0.18	1.39
European	63.65	67.81	-0.02	1.48
Euro Sel Opp	83.90	89.27	-0.10	1.42
Am Emerg	45.04	48.30	+0.28	0.02
Hong Kong	52.96	56.76	+0.01	2.38
Japan	160.4	170.7	+1.70	0.00
Pacific Gth	85.47	91.83	+0.21	1.68

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing:071-589 0528

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	104.6	111.9	+1.22	0.57
Amer Growth	79.24	84.74	+0.12	0.00
Euro Growth	59.39	63.41s	..	0.45
Ger Horizons	41.69	44.55	+0.18	0.77
Jap Growth	66.12	70.71s	+1.06	0.00
Pacific Inc	91.28	97.62	+0.28	3.75
Pacific Strat	60.92	65.15	-0.03	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.44	76.40	-0.27	8.50
Gt Britain	45.68	48.85	-0.45	2.51
UK Sml Co	39.66	42.42a	-0.04	3.34

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash	118.8		+0.1	10.56
Gt/Fxd Interest	109.7	116.3●	+0.2	8.89
Gth Equity	266.8	283.9	+0.3	2.92
Guardhill	373.0	396.4●	+0.8	2.98
Inc Tst	103.0	110.0	+0.6	5.10
Intl	125.1	133.6●	+0.2	0.69
Managed	493.9	518.9	+0.2	..
N Amer	184.4	197.0	-0.7	0.47
Pacific	295.8	315.8	+2.8	0.00
Prop Share	211.8	226.2	+0.3	4.70
Smlr Cos	227.1	242.6	-0.2	2.34
Euro Trust	316.1	337.7	+0.5	0.33

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 800 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 838865

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Adv Inc	29.54	31.32●	-0.20	2.51
Global Adv Acc	30.21	32.03●	-0.21	2.51

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Equity	53.66	57.15c	-0.01	4.20
Canadian	48.93	52.42	+0.10	0.36
Equity Inc	99.87	106.0	-0.30	6.73
Euro	122.8	130.0	+0.2	0.92
High Inc	64.66	68.79●	-0.18	7.24
Intl Sits	58.84	62.93	+0.20	0.00
Jap & Far East	89.18	94.82	+0.73	0.00
N Am	76.37	81.03	+0.01	0.39
Scandinavian	102.2	109.2●	-0.3	0.91
Smlr Cos	27.28	29.02s	-0.03	2.76
UK New Genrn	36.32	38.64	+0.01	2.20

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	61.13	65.76	+0.28	0.00
Asian Entrprse	74.52	80.01	-0.23	2.06
Australian	117.9	126.1●	-0.09	3.90
European	298.7	317.5	+0.35	0.85
Euro Inc	58.97	62.44●	+0.14	3.13
Euro Smlr Cos	106.2	112.9	+0.09	0.98
Extra Inc	237.2	252.5●	+0.65	6.36
Family Of Fds	56.69	60.42	-0.15	2.07
Fixed Interest	49.01	53.17●	-0.09	10.98
Global Resrces	71.03	76.24	+0.51	1.77
High Inc	270.6	289.2	+0.57	5.96
Income/Gth Inc	213.2	227.0	+0.71	5.13
Do Acc	504.3	537.0	+1.68	5.13
Intl	185.3	198.7c	+0.57	1.26
Jap Spec Sits	188.3	197.5	+2.18	0.00
Jap	163.9	173.9		0.00
Nth Amer	168.8	177.6	-0.19	0.79
Pac Smlr Cos	123.1	132.0●	+0.32	1.18
Pref/Gilt	39.44	43.27	+0.02	12.15
Smlr Cos Div	144.0	158.9	+0.32	5.39
Spec Sits Inc	219.3	234.7●	+0.04	2.15
Do Acc	329.4	352.6●	+0.06	2.15
Best of British	50.68	54.27	-0.01	3.43
Spirit Of East	40.85	43.86●	+0.09	1.59

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 081-686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	78.11	83.54	+0.05	3.32
Capil	132.6	141.8	+0.1	2.88
Dollar	233.1	249.3	-0.8	0.82
Euro	165.2	176.6	-0.1	1.41
Far East	154.6	165.3	-0.3	1.88
Financial	516.1	551.9●	+0.8	3.56
G/F Intrst Inc	23.73	24.85	-0.15	9.47
High Yield	94.44	101.0	-1.40	5.91
Inc Trust	120.1	128.4	-1.3	4.44
Intl	165.5	177.0	-0.1	1.18
Jap Tech	59.08	63.18	+0.82	0.00
Natrl Rsrces	49.43	52.86	-1.07	1.55
Security	252.1	269.6●	-0.1	3.12
Smlr Cos	87.76	93.86c	+0.09	2.47
Spec Sits	126.0	134.7●	-0.1	3.19
US Smlr Cos	43.85	47.00	+0.06	0.00

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-236 4210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Brit/Linear	184.3	194.2	-2.1	2.00
Cap Gth	93.11	98.01c	-1.80	2.83
Invest Trst	99.91	105.2	.	0.79

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35, Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AF Tel: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity/Gen	61.28	65.20	+0.08	4.05
Gt/Fxd Interest	68.54	72.53●	-0.06	8.60
Higher Inc	161.5	171.4	+0.7	8.30
Income	88.45	94.60	+0.30	5.89
Intl	73.82	78.48s	+0.05	2.77
Smlr Cos	57.79	61.81●	+0.15	3.86

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 071-956 6600 Dealings:071-956 7354

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Cash Accum**	62.32	62.63●	+0.01	10.70
Extra Inc	49.35	52.50●	+0.13	6.34
Gilt Yield Inc	109.2	115.4●	+0.1	9.09
Global Inc	168.0	178.8●	-0.3	4.59
High Yield Inc	119.3	126.8c	+1.0	5.86
PFP Inc	9.68	10.20●	+0.02	9.48
Sml Cos Div	41.58	44.23●	+2.00	6.33
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	66.51	70.76	+0.31	0.34
N Amer	57.89	61.57	-0.10	1.39
Euro Inc	112.8	120.1	-0.1	0.77
Euro Spec Inc	73.32	78.00	-0.39	1.27
FO Invest Trst	27.40	29.15●	-0.02	2.74
Genrl Inc	251.0	267.0	+2.8	3.56
Intl Recov	108.4	115.3	+0.1	1.77
Jap Inc	344.7	366.7	+3.9	0.00
Jap Spec	180.4	191.9	+2.4	0.00
Master Acc	193.8	206.2c	+0.1	1.07
Pacific Inc	192.4	204.7	+3.4	0.41
Smlr Cos Inc	86.40	91.98	+0.30	4.00
UK Eq Gth Inc	30.58	32.51●	-0.03	3.35

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113, Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB Tel: 031-550 6151

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	54.84	58.34	..	1.49
Extra Inc	22.29	23.71●	-0.07	5.86
Far East	18.52	19.70●	+0.15	1.09
Income/Gth	60.26	64.11●	-0.33	4.29
Intl Gth	38.77	41.24●	+0.03	1.64
Japan	48.08	51.15	+0.63	0.00
Max Dist**	99.41	101.4	..	10.40
N Am Equity	28.65	30.49	-0.12	1.20
UK Equity	72.34	76.96	-0.22	3.94

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, White Hart Yard London SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inc/Growth	46.07	49.02	+0.05	6.22

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex. Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	373.3	391.1●	-4.5	3.55
Do Acc	680.0	728.4●	+2.9	3.55
Do Inc	85.08	90.51	-0.22	4.89
European	81.47	86.67●	-0.19	1.08
Far East	123.5	131.4●	..	0.00
Fixed Interest	45.51	48.41●	-0.07	7.71
Gilt	83.23	88.07	-0.04	8.08
Global Gth	51.05	54.31	+0.08	0.75
Intl Bond	43.83	46.57●	+0.13	5.97
Japanese	54.64	58.13	+0.69	0.00
O'seas Equity	78.95	83.99	+0.34	1.44
Natrl Res	70.65	75.17●	+0.13	0.82
N Amer	97.59	103.8	-0.10	1.46
UK Recov	61.64	65.57	+0.05	2.89
UK Spec Sits	89.28	94.98	+0.36	2.66
W'wide	64.15	68.24	+0.02	3.63

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	281.0	295.8	-0.8	3.59
Do Acc	581.4	612.0	-1.6	3.59
Contl Euro Gth	42.49	44.73	-0.06	1.50
Do Acc	43.76	46.07	-0.06	1.30
Energy Intl	58.81	62.57●	+1.29	0.24
Do Acc	70.58	75.09●	+1.55	0.24
Extra Inc	221.3	233.0	-4.4	5.27
Do Acc	502.8	529.3	-10.1	5.27
German Gth	89.70	94.43	-0.75	0.53
Do Acc	92.85	97.74	-0.78	0.53
Income	421.8	443.8	-0.8	4.59
Do Acc	£10.07	10.60	-0.02	4.59
Intl Tech	192.5	202.7	-0.2	0.19
Do Acc	205.4	216.3	-0.1	0.19
Jap Growth	83.53	88.67	+0.74	0.02
Do Acc	83.83	89.16	+0.75	0.02
Mastertrust Inc	45.37	47.74	-0.12	2.94
Do Acc	48.29	50.81	-0.13	2.94
N Am & Gen	144.1	153.3	-0.4	0.98
Do Acc	165.7	176.3	-0.3	0.98
NAm SC Rec	97.94	103.1	+1.30	0.01
Do Acc	99.84	105.1	+1.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	154.2	164.1	+0.4	0.55
Do Acc	161.6	172.0	+0.5	0.55
Smlr Cos/Rec	254.8	268.3	+0.1	2.53
Do Acc	317.2	333.9	+0.2	2.53
UK Gth Fund	73.87	77.76	-0.21	3.30
Do Acc	82.72	87.08	-0.24	3.30
W'wide Growth	223.3	235.1	-0.2	1.49
Do Acc	325.7	342.9	-0.3	1.49

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282873

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Genrl	67.47	72.39	-0.23	3.60
Inc Trust	53.83	57.78●	-0.13	6.30
Intl	43.53	46.71	+0.07	1.70
American	43.22	46.37	-0.31	1.40
Japan	40.28	43.22	+0.50	0.00
Trst Of Invst	44.65	47.60c	-0.02	2.50

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 071-626 4588 Dealing: 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am & Gen Inc	280.6	298.7	-2.2	0.72
Do Acc	344.2	363.9	-2.7	0.72
Am Recov	274.9	290.7	-1.5	0.88
Do Acc	312.1	330.0	-1.7	0.88
Am Sm Co Acc	82.1	86.8	-0.5	0.00
Australia Acc	119.9	126.8	-0.8	2.11
Capil Acc	546.2	577.7	+1.3	4.41
Do Inc	517.4	547.2●	+1.3	4.41
Commod Acc	335.7	355.0	-0.7	2.25
Compound Gth	662.9	701.3	-0.8	4.17
Dividend Inc	29.8	31.7s	+0.1	5.84
Do Acc	108.9	114.4s	+0.2	5.84
Equity Inc	248.8	264.1●	-2.5	6.45
Euro Div	49.4	52.2	..	5.37
Euro Acc	399.4	422.3	-0.4	1.45
Extra Yield Inc	330.4	349.4●	+0.3	6.13
Do Acc	892.7	944.1●	+0.7	6.13
Far East Inc	184.5	197.4●	-0.2	0.98
Do Acc	238.7	255.4●	-0.2	0.98
FTS Acc	417.9	443.0	+0.2	2.68
Do Acc	729.8	773.7	+0.2	2.68
Genrl Income	47.9	50.7k	-0.1	4.79
Do Acc	118.5	125.4	-0.2	4.79
Gt/Fxd Interest	58.8	61.7●	-0.2	9.49
Do Acc	128.8	136.2	-0.3	9.48
Gold Inc	33.6	35.5	..	2.34
Do Acc	38.6	40.8	+0.1	2.34
High Inc Inc	21.3	22.5a	+0.1	6.21
Do Acc	72.4	76.5a	+0.1	6.21

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth Inc	58.1	56.2s	-0.1	0.97
Do Acc	90.6	95.8s	-0.1	0.97
Intl Inc	70.9	75.0	+0.2	5.60
Jap Acc	41.8	44.2s	+0.4	0.07
Jap Smir Acc	124.1	131.3	+1.0	0.00
Midland/Gen	47.4	50.7s	..	5.10
Do Acc	139.4	149.1s	..	5.10
Recov Inc	29.7	31.4s	.	4.38
Do Acc	44.8	47.3s	+0.1	4.38
2nd Gen Inc	50.7	53.6	..	4.79
Do Acc	116.5	123.1	+0.1	4.79
Sml Co Acc	95.6	101.2s	+0.3	4.09
Sml Co Inc	53.2	56.3s	+0.1	4.09
Trustee Inc	32.5	34.4s	..	5.12
Charibd Inc 3	104.25		-0.35	10.54
Charifd Inc 2	560.6	589.3	+0.3	6.50
Pension Ex 1	761.6	780.8	-1.2	5.14
NAAGF Inc 3	43.43		..	9.05
Do Acc 3	672.41		..	9.05

MM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 071-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great Brit Cos	41.91	44.90s	-0.15	2.83
Smlr Cos	21.32	22.65s	+0.03	2.81
Spec Features	23.10	24.54s	-0.13	2.80
Do Acc	26.47	28.12s	-0.15	2.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	45.79	48.65	-0.18	3.14
Asset/Earn Di	63.20	67.15	-0.29	3.30
Do Acc	71.40	75.86	-0.33	3.30
Managed Inv	71.93	76.84	+0.27	1.35
Rupert Child	65.85	70.16	-0.25	2.84
High Income Funds				
Cash Box	50.54	●	+0.01	10.50
Extra Inc	75.01	80.60	-0.06	6.37
Gilt	25.44	26.90	-0.02	8.80
Inc/Gth	34.83	37.32s	-0.15	4.88
Pref Shares	14.78	15.70●	..	11.23
UK Income	266.8	285.0●	-0.8	4.64
Sector Specialist Funds				
Com Shares	34.45	36.63s	+0.27	0.81
Financial Secs	44.91	47.71	-0.04	3.04
Gold	34.29	36.89	+0.40	2.90
Do Acc	36.17	38.70	+0.42	2.90
Intl Leisure	20.58	21.61	+0.02	0.28
Prop Shares	52.50	55.87●	-0.09	2.56
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	127.8	134.7	-0.2	5.12
Euro Expt Acc	91.91	97.89●	+0.36	1.95
Euro Expt Inc	89.26	95.07●	+0.35	2.01
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	36.20	38.54s	+0.06	1.71
Euro Perf	88.20	93.92	+0.42	1.48
Do Acc	89.32	95.12	+0.44	1.48
Euro Smlr Cos	18.81	20.03c	+0.02	1.04
French Gth	50.88	54.05	+0.43	2.01
Do Acc	53.08	56.38	+0.45	2.01
HK/China	35.21	37.38	-0.03	3.48
Intl Gth	40.85	43.40	+0.12	1.75
Jap Perf Dis	31.81	33.55s	+0.54	0.00
Jap Perf Acc	31.81	33.55s	+0.54	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	29.71	31.60●	+0.40	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	49.59	53.68	+0.04	1.17
Do Acc	49.90	54.01	+0.04	1.17
SE Asia	138.8	149.0	+0.3	1.72
US Sml Co	62.17	67.30	+0.28	0.19
Do Acc	65.04	69.23	+0.28	0.18
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	64.82	68.97	-0.19	4.37
Intl Bond	44.84	47.00●	+0.12	7.87
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	71.30	73.07c	+0.11	9.12

MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 690085

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
IP Inc	113.9	121.8	+0.2	3.19
Do Acc	121.9	130.3	+0.1	3.19
UK Inc	99.16	106.0	+0.10	4.04
Do Acc	105.6	112.9	+0.1	4.04

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD
48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East	93.62	99.38	+0.26	1.28
Inc Gth	64.39	68.85●	-0.10	4.08
European	56.27	59.73	-0.10	1.48
N Amer	38.57	40.94	-0.19	0.77
UK Growth	60.87	64.61	-0.05	1.97
Intl Gth	69.61	73.89s	+0.01	1.05
Charities	93.49	99.24●	-0.41	3.09
High Yield	46.16	49.00c	-0.19	8.77
Intl Inc	50.27	53.36●		7.14
Jap	40.00	42.46	+0.36	0.00

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 071-280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Growth	134.1	143.0	-0.7	0.71
Do Acc	143.2	152.7	-0.8	0.71
Am Income	35.42	37.73●	+0.07	6.71
Do Acc	49.87	53.23●	+0.09	6.71
Cash Inc	101.8		+0.1	10.60
Do Acc	116.1		..	10.60
Euro Growth	156.5	166.7●	+0.4	1.05
Do Acc	166.7	177.6●	+0.5	1.05
General	402.5	429.4●	-0.9	2.64
Do Acc	736.4	785.5●	-1.6	2.64
Global Dist	102.9	108.1●	+0.2	6.48
Do Acc	106.7	112.2●	+0.3	6.48
Govt Sec	86.65	91.06	+0.01	8.01
Do Acc	138.3	145.4	..	8.01
Income	121.7	129.9●	-0.6	5.44
Do Acc	165.8	176.9●	-0.7	5.44
Intl	293.1	311.8	+0.8	1.09
Do Acc	383.3	407.8	+1.3	1.09
Japan	164.9	174.9	+2.9	0.00
Do Acc	168.2	178.5	+2.8	0.00
Recov	252.4	269.3	-1.9	3.84
Do Acc	304.2	324.6	-2.4	3.84
Euro Inc	62.95	67.05	+0.02	4.97
Do Acc	76.37	81.30	+0.03	4.97
Am Smlr Dist	53.39	56.95	-0.24	0.00
Do Acc	54.12	57.73	-0.24	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	63.91	68.18c	-0.23	3.51
Do Acc	70.86	75.61c	-0.28	3.51
Portf Dist	61.53	65.39●	-0.28	3.25
Do Acc	66.85	71.34●	-0.09	3.25
High Inc Dist	50.69	54.07	-0.30	6.86
Do Acc	62.08	66.22	-0.36	6.86
Pacific Dist	51.93	55.40	-0.12	1.57
Do Acc	54.31	57.98	-0.13	1.57
UK Smlr Dist	42.85	45.71●	-0.01	2.71
Do Acc	46.61	49.71●	-0.01	2.71
Am Sm Cst Eq	54.39	55.79c	+0.19	0.00
Do Acc	54.82	58.23c	+0.18	0.00

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Dist	67.79	72.50	-0.49	2.88
Do Acc	72.84	77.90	-0.53	2.88
Capil Income	87.36	93.43	-0.11	2.64
Do Acc	131.3	140.4	-0.1	2.64
Euro Gth Inc	138.2	147.2	+0.2	0.77
Do Acc	171.6	182.8	+0.3	0.77
Extra High Inc	66.14	70.74c	+0.23	7.35
Do Acc	102.8	109.9c	+0.4	7.35
Gt/Fxd Income	51.19	53.32●	+0.01	9.08
Do Acc	121.9	126.9●	..	9.08
High Yield	199.7	213.6	+0.7	6.34
Do Acc	428.7	458.4	+1.3	6.34
Income	253.3	270.9	+0.3	4.79
Do Acc	498.4	533.0	+0.7	4.79
Intl High St Div	61.31	65.57	+0.04	1.80
Do Acc	64.77	69.27	+0.04	1.80
Jap Growth	268.1	286.6	+3.7	0.00
Do Acc	282.4	301.9	+3.9	0.00
Mandarin Acc	59.71	63.86	-0.05	1.58
N Amer Inc	127.0	135.8	+0.2	1.49
Do Acc	158.6	169.6	+0.4	1.49
Managed Portf	70.23	75.11	+0.24	1.95
Meridian Gth	124.1	132.7	+0.4	2.35
Merdn Inc Dist	100.7	107.7●	+0.4	4.21
Smlr Cos Inc	113.5	121.4	+0.1	2.98
Do Acc	132.6	141.8	+0.2	2.98

MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
20,Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 071-826 0826 Enquiries: 071-826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	165.6	176.5	-0.3	0.81
Cash Inc	103.34	●	+0.02	10.58
Do Acc	110.89	●	+0.02	10.58
Euro Gth	200.3	214.2	+0.6	0.00
Europe	104.9	112.4●	+0.1	0.00
Intl Gth	142.3	151.5	..	0.00
Jap Trdr	61.58	65.31	+0.98	0.00
UK Equity Inc	120.7	129.7c	-0.3	6.23
UK Eq In Acc	135.9	145.1c	-0.3	6.23
UK Eq In Trdr	124.5	132.9●	-0.5	3.71
US Eq In Trdr	140.9	151.1●	-0.4	2.96
Do Acc	148.3	158.9●	-0.4	2.96
Asian Trader	80.10	85.72a	-0.91	1.82

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	128.3	135.8●	-0.3	3.08
European	54.37	58.02s	-0.03	1.84
Far East	108.1	113.2	-0.2	1.87
Olympiad	46.98	50.12●	+0.14	1.06
Olympiad Inc	43.91	46.86●	-0.27	5.63
Smlr Cos	48.19	51.43s	+0.27	3.17
UK Equity Inc	84.43	90.10●	+0.01	5.85
UK Growth	77.00	82.18	-0.08	1.87

N M UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Billion Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Acc	35.10	37.44	-0.16	1.03
Australia Acc	223.5	239.8●	+0.1	2.59
Conscience Inc	53.72	57.33	+0.09	1.36
Do Acc	56.72	60.53	+0.09	1.36
Euro Inc	142.3	151.7a	-0.1	1.03
Do Acc	150.6	160.6c	-0.1	1.03
Extra Inc	66.02	70.45●	-0.05	6.67
Extra Inc Acc	92.00	98.18●	-0.08	6.67
F East Gth Acc	100.4	107.2a	+0.2	0.00
Gt/Fxd Income	52.41	55.49●	+0.03	8.82
Gold Inc	27.12	29.16c	+0.22	0.00
Do Acc	29.20	31.39c	+0.22	0.00
Inc	48.12	51.32s	+0.16	7.23
Do Acc	134.1	143.0s	+0.4	7.23
Intl Inc	24.46	26.24	-0.01	0.42
Do Acc	34.70	37.23	-0.01	0.42
Jap Sm Co Acc	336.6	359.0	+0.4	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	94.62	101.4	+0.30	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	28.45	30.59●	-0.08	2.39
Spec Sits Inc	27.63	29.70s	+0.08	0.86
Do Acc	30.50	32.79s	+0.07	0.86
Tokyo Inc	69.17	73.78s	+0.40	0.00
Do Acc	69.97	74.62s	+0.39	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	63.54	67.95	+0.20	0.00
UK Equity Inc	139.7	149.0	-0.4	4.10
Do Acc	248.2	265.8	-0.8	4.10

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
(Formerly wellington unit trusts) 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 071-407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General	128.1	136.3c	+0.17	2.86
Global	220.4	234.5c	-1.30	1.32
Inc Fund	160.8	171.1c	-0.10	4.89
Intl Bond	98.13	104.4a	-0.22	7.47
Cash	105.17	c	+0.02	10.17

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500 Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6GD Tel: Dealings 0800-828577 Inquiry 0733-67767

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Trust Inc	119.0	125.2	-0.4	3.34
Do Acc	201.2	211.8	-0.7	3.34
Inc Trust	193.3	205.8c	-0.5	4.82
Intl Equity Inc	176.3	187.5●	+0.3	1.57
Do Acc	190.9	203.1●	+0.4	1.57
Equity Inc	192.5	204.7	-0.6	2.86
Do Acc	376.6	400.9	-1.1	2.86
UK Inl 25 Acc	56.10	59.66	-0.15	2.57
UK Inc Tst	52.38	55.70	-0.15	4.47
UK Sml Co Acc	54.45	57.92	-0.01	2.24
New Euro Acc	52.22	55.85	+0.12	1.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Asian Smlr Mkt	45.19	48.34	+0.16	1.20
PEP Gth/Inc	72.21	77.23	-0.01	2.58
Intl Gth	358.2	383.1c	+0.87	0.66
Income	248.4	265.7c	-0.72	4.92
W'wide Rec	210.8	225.4	-0.86	0.87
Am Growth	127.9	136.8	-1.09	0.30
Intl Emerg Cos	112.6	120.5	-0.91	0.78
Far East Growth	123.3	131.9	-1.86	1.47
Euro Gth	87.24	93.31	+0.09	1.42
UK Growth	58.37	62.43	+0.58	3.87
High Inc	65.10	69.63	-0.25	5.26
Jap Gth	151.7	161.9	+1.50	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walbrook House 23 Walbrook London EC4N 8LD Tel: 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl	150.7	160.4c	-0.1	1.62
High Inc	88.61	94.27	-0.20	4.92
Conv/Gilt	101.8	108.1●	+0.1	8.07
Far East	216.7	231.0●	+0.5	1.97
Nth Amer	168.5	179.7c	+0.2	0.12
Spec Sits	92.81	98.85	-0.04	3.54
Technology	161.3	171.6	+0.6	0.00
Extra Inc	125.4	133.5●	+2.3	5.57
Euro Gth/Inc	53.25	56.77	-0.12	2.41

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	37.65	40.05	+0.10	0.67
Emerg Mkts	37.50	39.89	+0.04	0.49
Genrl	42.10	44.78	+0.03	3.86
Intl	70.18	74.64	+0.43	1.53
Gilt Unit	24.03	25.08●	-0.03	8.70
Global Prop	30.12	32.04c	+0.10	2.35
Inc/Gth	60.64	64.51●	+0.02	6.11
Euro	39.23	41.73	-0.10	1.27
Gilt and Fxd Int	23.33	24.82●	+0.01	8.26
UK Smlr Cos	20.22	21.51●	..	3.41

PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 081-478 3377 Client Enquiry 081 478-3377

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holb	23.76	25.43	+0.04	1.70
Holb Cash Hvn	105.98		+0.02	10.90
Holb Equity	584.4	625.0	-0.27	3.04
Holb Eqty Inc	69.19	74.00●	-0.08	4.86
Holb Euro	140.9	150.6	+0.32	1.80
Holb Global	82.37	88.70	+0.17	2.60
Holb High Inc	77.97	83.26●	+0.04	6.10
Holb Intl	121.1	128.5	-0.08	1.42
Holb Intl SC	52.84	56.51●	..	1.65
Holb Japanese	138.6	149.3	+1.23	0.00
Holb N Amer	95.60	102.2	-0.64	1.10
Holb Pac Mkt	49.70	53.25	-0.16	2.79
Holb Premier	44.32	46.14s	-0.01	6.49
Holb Smlr Cos	71.31	76.29	+0.39	2.79
Holb Spec Sits	85.89	91.86	+0.03	3.35
Holb UK Gth	94.62	101.1●	-0.07	3.43

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel: 071-634 2881/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	136.5	146.1	-0.19	4.09
Japan	199.9	211.5	+3.20	0.00
Major UK Co	82.03	88.31	-0.22	2.65
Smlr Aus	61.71	66.33	+0.02	2.73
Amer Inc	339.0	363.0	-0.90	1.04
Do Acc	392.0	419.4	-0.92	1.04
Smlr Cos	198.1	211.3a	+0.35	2.58
Smlr Canada	41.24	45.04	+0.04	0.00
Smlr Euro Cos	201.8	215.9	-0.66	1.16

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Growth	54.80	58.29	+0.09	7.04
Capil	116.9	123.2	-0.3	2.16
Commod	82.68	87.95●	-0.54	1.84
Euro Growth	124.8	132.7	-0.3	0.81
Financial Secs	120.9	128.6	-0.4	3.09
High Return	230.8	245.5	-0.5	6.40
High Yield	211.4	224.8●	-0.5	5.86
Inc Units	100.9	107.3●	-0.3	7.87
Investment	140.0	148.9c	-0.2	1.85
Jap Growth	108.8	115.7	+1.3	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	172.1	183.0	+1.8	0.00
Masterfund	37.97	40.39	+0.05	1.89
Scotbits	172.8	183.8	-0.6	2.88
Scotshares	242.5	257.9	+0.7	3.30
Scotyields	213.7	227.3●	-1.4	5.54
Select Intl	101.7	108.1c	-0.3	0.26
Smlr Cos Inc	213.3	226.9●	+0.3	5.84
Spec Sits	96.01	102.1	+0.60	1.78
UK Equity	221.5	235.8	-0.8	3.66
US Growth	100.6	107.0	-0.8	0.32

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
33 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 8AF Tel: Public Dealing 071 606 6484 General Enquiries 071-382 3800

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	173.8	185.3	-0.8	1.16
Do Acc	186.1	198.5	-0.8	1.16
Australian	115.9	123.6●	+0.3	1.50
Do Acc	133.5	142.3●	+0.4	1.50
Enterprise	174.5	186.1	+0.3	4.15
Do Acc	174.5	186.1	+0.3	4.15
Euro Gth	53.00	56.53	-0.04	1.29
Do Acc	53.77	57.35	-0.04	1.29
Euro Smlr Co	49.76	53.07	-0.10	0.28
Do Acc	49.91	53.23	-0.11	0.28
Far East Gth	48.29	51.50	+0.28	0.27
Do Acc	48.97	52.23	+0.27	0.27
Fixed Int	48.24	50.84●	-0.05	8.48
Do Acc	53.48	56.36●	-0.07	8.46
Gilt Inc	95.18	100.3●	+0.10	9.33
Do Acc	120.0	126.4●	+0.1	9.33
Income	256.6	273.9●	+0.7	5.84
Do Acc	707.5	754.6●	+1.9	5.84
Jap Smlr Cos	388.2	414.0	+3.2	0.00
Do Acc	388.9	414.8	+3.2	0.00
Pacific Gth	49.77	53.08	-0.22	1.98
Do Acc	50.55	53.92	-0.23	1.98
Smlr Cos	153.9	164.1	..	2.16
Do Acc	173.3	184.8	+0.1	2.16
Tokyo	83.16	88.72	+0.77	0.33
Do Acc	84.02	89.62	+0.79	0.33
UK Equity	171.7	183.1	+0.1	3.91
Do Acc	304.7	325.0	+0.3	3.91
US Smlr Cos	63.75	67.99	+0.03	0.00
Do Acc	63.75	67.99	+0.03	0.00
World Inc	59.17	63.71●	+0.06	2.95
Do Acc	57.38	61.20●	+0.06	2.95

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Inc	37.82	40.07●	-1.29	6.09
Equity Stsl	55.87	59.29●	-0.94	3.69
Euro Opp	61.83	65.64	+0.13	1.00
Maximum Inc	98.48	101.4●	+0.41	9.97
UK Smlr Cos	44.84	47.75●	+0.21	2.87

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	293.7	314.1c	+0.2	3.57
American	178.5	187.8c	-0.5	1.27
Pacific	246.6	263.7c	+1.7	0.73
European	348.8	373.0c	+0.4	1.48
W'wide	64.60	69.09c	-0.11	1.78

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	266.0	283.0	-0.7	3.59
UK Sm Cos Eq	204.4	217.5	-0.3	2.87
European	266.3	283.4c	-1.0	1.89
N Amer	184.3	196.1c	-0.1	1.02
Inc Plus	56.62	60.24●	-0.46	5.95
UK Spec Sit	57.12	60.77●	-0.04	2.59

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: Tel:031-556 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Gth Acc	21.89	23.54s	-0.13	3.84
Intl Gth Acc	23.24	24.87s	+0.09	0.83
Global Inc Acc	23.32	24.97s	-0.02	5.47
Mid Leadr Acc	22.98	24.60s	-0.06	4.12

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Acc	36.21	38.49	-0.25	2.28
Equity Gth Acc	49.26	52.34	-0.16	2.01
Equity Genrl	37.89	40.28c	-0.24	2.80
Do Acc	47.86	50.64c	-0.30	2.80
Euro Acc	35.64	37.87	+0.05	1.89
Far East Acc	41.41	44.00	-0.21	0.26
G/F Intrst Inc	28.27	29.90c	-0.07	7.84
Nth Amer Acc	34.32	36.47	-0.76	0.77
O'seas Lgr Acc	215.9	234.3c	-1.7	2.13
UK Eqty Hi Inc	35.85	38.10c	-0.27	5.13
Do Acc	39.25	41.71c	-0.28	5.13
UK Lgr Inc	255.3	277.1c	-2.2	4.33
Do Acc	310.3	336.7c	-2.8	4.33

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	304.0	324.6	..	1.29
British Inc	824.0	871.7●	..	5.49
Euro Inc	331.2	352.7c	..	1.48
Jap Inc	114.2	121.3	..	0.00
Pacific	165.3	175.8s	..	2.00
Mngd Cash	97.13	100.0c	..	10.49
Major Str Inc	101.1	102.1c	.	10.39
PEP	145.0	153.4●		3.85
Saints PPP	288.3	302.7	..	0.00

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham Sussex Tel: 0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	621.1	661.3	+0.9	3.07
NAm Acc	77.30	82.67	-0.33	1.08
Far East Acc	88.79	95.00	+0.70	1.37
W'wide Bond	48.03	51.10c	+0.22	6.14
European	66.75	71.37c		1.19
Equity Inc	71.76	76.75	+0.23	5.25
W'wide Tech	43.41	46.00●		9.20
W'wide Find	36.46	38.64●		5.43

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no:0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Grth	25.65	27.44●		0.60
Mngd Asets	105.1	112.4		3.09
UK Income	35.82	38.16		4.45
Do Gth	33.70	36.05c		3.18
W'wide	24.4	26.1		0.34

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	148.5	158.9●	+0.26	0.38
Do Acc	161.0	171.2●	+0.29	0.38
Br Gth Inc	75.38	80.17●	-0.53	3.08
Do Acc	85.80	91.27●	-0.60	3.08
Euro Inc	73.60	78.29●	-0.05	1.04
Do Acc	77.01	81.92●	-0.04	1.04
Extra Inc Inc	164.7	175.2●	-0.05	5.25
Do Acc	245.0	260.7●	-0.08	5.25
Genrl Unit Inc	232.5	247.3	-0.24	3.40
Do Acc	440.4	468.5	+0.43	3.40
Inc Trust	299.9	319.0	+0.44	5.09
Do Acc	571.4	607.9	+0.84	5.09
Intl	396.8	420.8	+1.28	0.62
Do Acc	510.2	542.7	+1.61	0.62
Pacific	222.8	237.0	+0.60	0.30
Do Acc	232.8	247.8	+0.63	0.30
Premier Inc	45.74	47.64	-0.02	8.32
Do Acc	85.25	88.81	-0.05	8.32
Natrl Resrces	64.80	68.95c	+0.13	0.81
Do Acc	70.69	75.20c	+0.15	0.81
Selected Opps	80.51	85.64●	-0.09	2.69
Do Accum	98.53	104.8●	-0.11	2.69

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SE Tel: (0296) 312156

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Eagle	78.44	83.86	-0.09	1.05
Australian	6.72	7.20	-0.07	1.87
Equity	169.2	180.3	-0.1	4.51
Euro Spec Sits	116.7	124.3	-0.2	0.70
Financial	29.59	31.89a	-0.03	4.71
Global Inc	68.80	73.48	-0.02	1.45
Do Acc	70.09	75.07	-0.02	1.45
Gold/Genrl	37.36	40.15	+0.21	1.13
Do Acc	70.19	75.39	+0.39	1.13
Income	105.9	113.7●	-0.1	6.12
Jap Gth	127.7	136.9●	+1.8	0.00
Pref Share	19.89	21.11c	-0.03	10.35
UK Capil	92.53	99.31●	+0.13	3.79
World Cap	173.4	186.6		2.46
World Inc	69.06	73.87c	+0.22	4.40

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 071-493 7262 Dealing: 071-493 6645

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Opp Dist	56.69	60.57	+0.40	0.18
Do Acc	58.66	62.58	+0.42	0.18
Cash Dist	51.97	c	+0.01	10.00
Do Acc	58.2	c		10.00
Euro Opp Dist	57.34	61.11	+0.07	0.00
Do Acc	57.03	60.78	+0.07	0.00
F East Opp Di	118.4	126.2	+0.15	0.55
Do Acc	120.4	128.4	+0.15	0.55
Gold Opp Inc	26.72	28.48	+0.24	0.00
Do Acc	27.48	29.31	+0.25	0.00
Sanyo Jap Dist	67.04	71.34	+0.63	0.00
Do Acc	67.04	71.34	+0.63	0.00
Kangaroo Dist	22.09	23.33		1.73
Do Acc	23.19	24.50		1.79
LB Dragon Dist	38.18	40.71	-0.08	0.61
Do Acc	38.83	41.40	-0.08	0.61
Orient Inc Dist	32.04	34.17●	+0.05	5.12
Do Acc	39.62	41.79●	+0.06	5.12
Tiger Dist	132.2	141.0	+0.22	0.62
Do Acc	136.5	145.6	+0.23	0.62
UK Smlr Cos	55.43	59.27	-0.14	1.02
Do Acc	62.15	66.46	-0.15	1.02

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 071-248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	55.36	59.20●	-0.41	0.30
Eur Spec Sit	38.41	40.89c	+0.01	0.00
Do Acc	37.47	40.03c	+0.01	0.00
F-East Opp Inc	19.13	20.56	-0.12	
Do Acc	19.52	20.99	-0.12	0.00
Genrl Growth	84.75	90.40		2.71
Global Tech	85.77	91.73	-0.31	0.00
Inc Growth	90.69	96.48	+0.08	4.49
Inc Monthly	52.77	56.28●	-0.13	6.66
Jap Growth	72.97	77.56	+0.56	0.00
Mtm Equity Inc	35.89	38.27●	-0.10	3.21
Do Acc	38.26	40.94●	-0.11	3.10
O'seas Gth	80.56	84.42	+0.15	0.00
Smir Cos	69.94	75.09c	+0.16	3.26
Spec Opp	75.78	80.83●	-0.22	4.18
WW Spec Sits	33.86	36.47●	+0.05	0.00
Do Accum	33.9	36.56	+0.1	0.00

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Utd Charities	207.0	220.6	+0.1	4.91

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
3 Harbour Exchange London E14 9GJ Tel: 071-855 5055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	74.04	79.18	-0.51	1.54
Inc Tst	128.6	137.5c	-0.3	5.69
UK Growth	151.4	161.9	-0.6	5.12

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Aus Gold	9.08	9.65	-0.02	0.50
Pacific Basin	25.49	27.11	-0.12	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.64	36.85c	-0.22	0.10
Global Bond	96.10	102.14	-0.60	7.90
Penny Share	20.03	21.30		0.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 071-606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
City Res	56.24	55.25	+0.01	10.25
Gilt Gth	56.93	59.20	+0.05	0.00
Gilt Inc	47.80	48.72●	-0.01	9.32
Shd Dtd Gilt	82.46	83.84	-0.01	3.44
US Govt Bond	65.61	65.65	+0.02	0.01
Challenger	69.29	70.91	-0.17	0.00

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0705 388046

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Stockmnd Fnd	54.38	57.82●	-0.12	3.15

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
26	8	ASB Barratt	10	13	-1	..f	..	..
94	38	ASD	73	78	..	..	..	5.4
21	11	ATA Selection	10	15	..	..b	..	..
4¼	2	Abaco Group	1¾	2¾	..	..	..	..
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	12	13½	..	..	..	17.9
36	20	Aberdeen Stk Hse	19	24	+1	..	..	41.5
201	186	Acal	198	203	..	7.2	3.6	9.9
16	11	Acorn Comp	12	14	..	..	..	..
141	77	Alan Paul	84	89	..	4.5	5.2	6.2
41	18	Albrighton	20	23	..	..	..	..
142	86	Allen	124	128	-1	6.5	5.2	8.6
40	20	Amberley Gp	30	35●	..	2.0	6.1	16.1
19	12	Anglo Pac Res	14	17	..	..e	..	..
13¼	2¾	Apollo Watch Prods	2¾	3	..	..	..	3.2
108	53	App Holographics	68	73	+1	..	..	..
175	77	Ashtead	168	177●	+1	5.5b	3.2	12.0
165	85	Aspen Comms	135	140	-2	10.8b	7.8	6.7
330	255	Astrey	295	315	..	6.5	2.1	16.1
6	2¾	Assoc Energy	2	3¼	..	..	..	..
60	40	Assoc Farmers	57	62	..	..	..	..
158	68	Assoc Nursing	68	73	..	4.0	5.6	8.2
23	11	Atlantic Sec	..	..	..	..f	..	..
905	648	Atlas Equipment	795	815	..	26.0	3.2	18.3
5	3¼	Audit General	..	..	..	..f	..	..
53	31	Automagic	36	38	..	1.9	6.1	6.3
25	14	BBB Design	20	22	+1	2.8e	13.3	3.8
8	2¾	BCE	3	5	..	..	..	..
115	30	BLP Group	28	33	..	1.7	5.5	..
54	37	BWD	44	47●	..	2.7	5.9	15.9
42	30	Beaverco	38	43 r	..	0.8	2.0	11.4
48	22	Beckenham	23	28	..	1.3	5.2	3.2
65	28	Bedford (William)	25	30	..	..e	..	..
137	95	Bensons Crisps	125	128●	..	3.6	3.0	10.2
70	50	Berry,Birch & Noble	53	60	..	2.0	3.5	10.5
92	66	Bilston&Battersea	62	70	..	4.0	6.1	13.2
27	12	Bio Isolates	22	25	..	..	..	13.0
140	65	Bletchley Motors	133	140●	..	10.5	7.7	10.3
86	26	Bluebird Toys	32	35	..	..	..	7.1
58	24	Border TV	35	37●	..	2.0	5.0	9.3
35¼	14¾	Borland	26½	27½	-¾	..	..	..
182	130	Bourne Intl	180	184	..	8.5	4.7	9.0
85	35	Br Bloodstock	37	47	..	..	..	..
20	4	Br Thornton	12	17	..	..	..	..
4¾	1¾	Bula Resources	1¾	2¾	..	..	..	..
99	33	Business Tech	40	42	-1	2.0	4.9	14.6
13	2	CCS Gp	..	..	..	..	..	..
236	131	CML Micro	217	222	..	3.9	1.8	12.5
21	17	CPU Comp	19	22	..	..	..	..
135	110	Cap & Regional	107	115	..	1.2	1.1	..
221	154	Capital Gp	217	224 r	..	7.2	3.3	18.4
99	90	Carron Phoenix	87	92	..	1.8	2.0	75.0
66	35	Cassidy Bros	48	52	..	2.0	4.0	11.2
253	169	Castle Comm	215	230	..	11.3	5.1	9.3
114	88	Central Motor	110	115●	..	4.7	4.2	10.9
74	43	Chartwell	40	45	..	1.0	2.3	3.8
108	65	Chieftain Group	100	108●	..	6.1	5.9	13.6
0¼	0¼	City & West	..	..	..	..	..	..
58	35	City of Lon	45	50	-3	4.1	8.5	7.8
65	48	Clarke Foods	..	..	..	2.7	..	..
75	41	Clarke Hooper	63	67●	..	5.8	9.1	8.0
106	5	Clearmark	..	..	..	..	..	..
185	109	Colorvision	117	125	..	7.5	6.2	10.8
21	5	Co of Designers	4	8	..	..	..	..
34	14	Conexc	27	30	..	..	..	..
97	67	Country Pet	70	73	..	..	..	..
36	15	Cook (DC)	30	33●	..	1.3	4.2	..
40	18	Cooper Clarke	20	24	..	1.8	8.2	3.2
63	33	Copymore	57	62●	..	3.6	6.0	12.1
3	1¼	Corp Services	2¼	3¼	..	..	..	..
120	56	Cramphorn	115	117●	..	2.7	2.3	26.3
18	10	Cranbrook	15	20	..	..e	..	..
135	70	Craswick	122	127	-1	8.7	7.0	6.3
..	1¼	Craton Lodge	1¼	2¼	..	..b	..	..
225	140	Creighton Nat	183	190	..	8.3	4.4	18.6
63	30	Crossroads Oil Gp	32	37	-1	..	..	36.1
61	23	Crown Corp.	53	57	..	..	..	..
165	82	Crown Eye	155	165●	+2	4.7	2.8	14.3
50	16	Davies (DY)	13	18	..	..	..	..
70	70	Dalmar	66	71	..	..	..	14.1
163	135	Danvers Elec	150	160	..	7.5	4.8	11.9
..	..	Diamond Gp	..	..	..	1.51	..	..
685	400	Druck	655	675	+15	11.7	1.8	17.1
12	1¾	Dunton	5¼	8¼	..	..	..	..
107	93	Dudley Jenkins	90	98	..	5.3	5.6	27.6
45	20	Durham (DG)	17	22	..	2.7	13.5	.
136	92	EW Fact	130	133	+2	5.1	3.9	14.5
17	7	Eadie	15	18	..	..	..	..
33	11	EFG	13	18	..	..e	..	..
21	5	EIT Gp	14	17	..	..	..	..
19	16	Edin Oil & Gas	15	17	..	..	..	..
120	94	Eldridge Pope 'A'	102	110	..	2.7	2.5	..
160	105	Ewe	155	165●	..	8.5	5.8	10.4
256	210	Eve Group	230	238	..	12.9	5.2	8.3
47	13	Expedlex Plc	13	18●	..	1.3	8.1	5.2
39¼	13¼	Explorer Hldgs	14¼	16	..	..	..	..
88	41	Fairway London	60	64●	..	4.0	6.5	14.5
190	124	Fampak	188	192	..	..	..	..
80	56	Fayrest	73	78	..	6.5	8.8	8.0
30	24	Feedback	21	26	..	0.7	2.9	11.1
2¾	1¼	Ferromit	2	2¾	..	..	..	13.2
19	9¼	Fields (Mrs)	9¼	10¼	..	..e	..	..
33	22	Filofax	22	27	..	..e	..	..
14	7	Firstland	7	10	..	..	..	..
182	103	Flextech	110	115●	+3	2.0	1.8	8.6
82	41	Forward Gp	67	72	..	2.9	4.1	10.6
233	98	Freemont Gp	93	103	..	11.3	11.5	5.6
88	39	French Conn	40	45	-2	3.8	8.4	33.3
430	380	Fuller Smith 'A'	418	435	..	8.1	1.9	17.8
28	18	GCF Gp	19	20	..	2.8	..	..
253	195	GWR Gp	245	248●	..	2.7	1.1	15.2
76	38	Galaxes	73	78	+2	5.7	7.5	8.0
103	80	Gibbon Lyons	75	85 r	..	8.0	10.0	8.2
208	142	Gibbs Mew	135	146●	..	9.0	6.3	..
28	12	Global	18	20	..	0.7	3.7	6.3
231	185	Great Southern	228	237	..	11.7	5.0	17.5
153	100	Green (Ernest)	128	135	+3	9.3	7.0	7.3
9	4¾	Greenacre	6	7¾	+¾	0.3	4.3	18.4
8	4	Greenwich Comms	2¾	5	..	..	..	..
11	7	Guidehouse	5	9	..	0.1	1.4	..
188	97	Hadleigh Inds	110	115	..	8.7	7.7	7.3
22	5	Halls Homes	6	8	..	1.3	18.6	..
31	20	Hampden Homecare	20	25	..	0.3	1.3	11.1
221	78	Handley Walker	118	123	..	10.7	8.8	9.1
20	11	Harmony Leisure	10	14	..	..	..	..
7¾	2	Hawthorn Leslie	2	3	..	..	..	..
255	185	Headtree	170	210	..	4.1	2.2	23.8
185	145	do 'A' LV	120	170	..	4.1	2.8	18.2
35	16	Heritage	20	23	..	..	..	..
25	20	Hey & Croft	19	22	..	..e	..	..
70	48	Hillcare	60	65	-5	0.7	1.1	10.7
13	4¾	Hobson	7¼	8¾	..	..	..	..
125	68	Holders Tech	65	73	..	8.0	11.8	9.3
50	20	Honeysuckle Gp	25	30	..	..	..	..
250	163	Hornby	188	190	+8	12.0	6.4	6.4
11	3	Hughes Food	..	..	..	..f	..	..
281	108	Huntleigh Tech	267	277	..	4.7	1.7	21.7
113	50	INSTEM	75	80	..	3.8	4.9	5.3
19	5¾	Icoco	6¾	7¾	..	..e	..	..
140	43	Intercare Gp	122	125 r	+1	2.3	1.9	32.5
308	83	Interlink Express	302	319	..	11.2	3.7	11.7
18	8	Intl Comms & Data	15	18¼	..	..	..	7.2
4¾	1¼	Intl Media	1¼	2¼	..	..	..	..
54	30	Intl Resort	41	45	..	..	..	4.7
4¾	1	JMD Group	1¼	2¼	..	..	..	..
9	5	Kemp (PE)	4	6	..	..	..	..
35	9	Kenmare Res	9¼	11¼	..	..	..	..
287	163	Kewill Systems	280	290	..	8.7	2.4	9.1
63	41	LPA Ind	48	52	+1	4.7	9.4	8.8
295	183	Lambert	285	295●	..	15.5	5.3	8.4
35	19	Laser-Scan	19	21	..	..	..	4.2
79	42	LBMS Plc	75	80	..	0.5	0.6	..
38	34	LGW	31	36	..	1.3	3.8	..
81	68	Lincat	70	75	..	6.8	9.3	5.3
6¾	2	Lincoln Hse	2¾	3	..	..	..	..
155	118	Lon & Clydeside	120	127	..	9.3	7.5	5.4
135	88	Lon Forfaiting	128	132	..	9.7	7.5	22.9
94	75	MBNT Comp	83	88●	..	4.0	4.7	8.4
238	118	MTL Instruments	235	238●	..	4.1	1.7	17.5
63	35	Magnetic Materials	54	57	..	4.0	7.1	8.5
14	9	March Gp	..	..	..	..e	..	..
80	19	Mayborn	73	77	+9	5.1	6.8	12.1
307	193	Manwlar-Swain	302	310●	..	8.7	3.2	12.8
466	390	Merrydown Wine	418	432●	..	9.3	2.2	21.2
201	106	Metal Bulletin	185	189●	..	9.2	4.9	16.4
164	130	Metsec	135	142	..	8.5	6.1	8.1
161	98	Microlec	90	95	..	5.5a	5.9	16.1
24	10	Microvitec	15	16	-¼	0.4	2.6	..
140	85	Midland Scot Res	90	94	..	..	..	..
17	14	Miskin Gp	13	17	..	2.6	18.7	3.8
89	53	Morris Ashby	84	88●	..	5.5	6.4	11.2
17	9	Mywal	9	10	..	..	..	52.6
18	8	New England Props	17	18	-¾	..	..	15.4
90	90	Do 10%	80	100	..	10	11.1	..
46	25	Norbain	43	48●	..	0.9	2.0	11.1
51	43	Northumbrian Fine	43	47	..	2.3	5.1	..
98	72	Osborne & Little	87	90	..	5.8	6.5	10.0
140	95	PCT	135	140●	..	8.7	6.3	12.6
75	53	Pacer Systems	65	70	..	..	..	..
14	7¾	Paramount	7	8	..	..	..	9.5
10¾	3¾	Pathfinders	7¼	8	-¼	..f	..	23.5
201	146	Pegasus	145	153	-1	16.1	10.8	5.1
330	245	Peirvie	285	295	+1	15.0	5.2	10.1
118	72	Pepe Group	115	120●	+1	5.3	4.5	11.3
118	100	Pict Pet	98	102	..	..	..	15.7
71	48	Plasmec	47	50●	..	2.7	5.5	16.1
35	25	Platon	24	28	..	..e	..	..
50¼	18	Porth Gp	14	18	-1	1.7	10.6	..
118	73	Porvair	113	117●	..	4.1	3.6	8.9
140	78	Prism Leisure	123	128	..	6.8	5.2	10.5
1¼	0¼	Property Trust	0¾	1¼	..	..	..	..
92	40	Pwdn	53	56●	-4	3.2	5.7	57.1
45	28	Quillpotts	38	41●	..	2.0	5.0	15.6
7¼	4¾	RMT Gp	4¾	5	+¼	..	..	..
289	222	Radio Clyde	273	277	..	11.0	4.0	12.7
58	43	Radius	46	49●	..	3.6	7.5	7.8
74	45	Rance Oil	70	73	+3	2.7	3.8	17.6
76	50	Ramus	65	68	..	..	..	..
338	141	Rathbone Bros	320	335	.	11.3	3.4	15.7
109	45	Real Time Control	107	110●	+4	4.0	3.7	10.0
28	2	Regal Hotels	5¾	7	..	7.8	..	..
3	1	Regency Health	2	2¾	+¼	..	..	..
273	147	Reliance Sec	270	275●	+4	11.2	4.1	14.1
25	13	Restminster	15	17	..	..	..	..
53	28	Rival	35	40	..	..	..	21.3
130	70	RPS Group	75	83●	..	4.3	5.4	8.4
18	10	SEP Intl	10	12	..	..e	..	4.3
14	10	SPS Consultancy	..	..	..	..f	..	..
62	23	Sandell	37	40	..	..	..	..
53	35	Savage	41	45	..	..	..	..
23	9	Scot Heritable	17	19	+¼	..	..	..
110	84	Seacon	98	105●-1		5.1	5.0	7.6
231	154	Sec Archives	227	234	..	10.7	4.6	19.3
10	2	Select App	5¾	7	..	..	..	..
43	18	Senf Cowlig	17	50	..	2.7	14.2	7.2
68	38	Seurfield-Reeve	57	62●	..	4.0	6.7	3.5
87	73	Sheldon Jones	70	80	..	6.8	9.1	7.6
50	36	Shelton (Martin)	45	50	..	2.3	4.8	10.1
110	68	Sheriff Hldgs	63	68	..	2.7	4.1	5.9
140	85	Sherwood Comp	120	130●	..	7.0	5.6	5.9
626	330	Sherwood Group	620	630	+5	12.1	1.9	18.0
146	60	Shorco	77	85●	..	6.8	8.5	5.0
41	39	Soundtracks	31	34●	..	2.9	8.8	8.8
340	230	Spandex	305	320	+3	7.5	2.4	12.9
41	13	Specialeyes	38	42	..	..	..	20.1
45	25	Stainless Metal	22	27	..	1.3e	5.2	..
128	32	Stanhope Props	34	37	..	0.1	0.3	7.3
77	18	Sterling Pub	40	43●	+2	3.3	7.9	..
58	27	Sterling Tst	48	52	..	2.7	5.4	8.3
21	12	Sunleigh Elect	13	15	-1	..	..	..
72	36	Sutherland	70	73●	..	2.4	3.3	18.3
8	5	TDS Circuits	4	7	..	..f	..	..
43	18	TLS Range	27	30	..	..	..	8.5
217	100	TV-am	125	128	-2	18.7	14.7	5.1
31	13	Toredo	17	20	..	..	..	8.7
77	67	Tosley (Eliza)	63	70●	..	6.9	10.3	9.5
70	40	Tibo	65	73	..	4.0	5.8	12.8
41	28	Tonto Hire	28	33	..	..	..	9.9
16	10	Total Systems	14	16	..	..	..	20.5
4¼	0¼	Tranwood	..	..	..	..	..	..
133	79	Transworld	103	107	..	..	..	..
81	58	Traxit	73	78●	..	4.3	5.7	10.4
96	30	Trencherwood	30	35	..	..	..	..
53	31	Trevian Hldgs	33	38●	+1	1.3	3.6	..
27	7	Trillion	9	12	..	..	..	..
5	1	Tubular Edgin	1¼	2	..	..	..	5.5
33	22	Tudor	30	33	..	3.6	11.3	9.7
145	45	Unit Group	60	70	..	..	..	..
88	32	Usher (Frank)	50	54	..	5.3	10.2	7.2
10	3	Venture Plant	5¾	7	-¾	..	..	..
63	43	VTR Plc	52	57	..	4.5	8.2	5.3
18	8¾	Vistec	13¾	14¾	..	0.3	2.1	14.9
78	55	Wassum	68	73	..	4.7	6.8	11.0
20	12	Wentworth	17	20●	-1	0.1	0.5	11.2
44	30	Wescel	34	37	..	..	..	20.2
6¾	3	Westport	3	3¾	-¼	..	..	..
52	21	West Scaffold	30	35	..	2.7	8.2	41.3
32	7	Wharfdale	11	13	..	..e	..	37.5
43	26	Whinney Mackay	40	43●	..	2.7	6.4	7.8
65	50	Wood John D & Co	55	65	-4	2.0	3.3	..
38	15	Wld of Leather	35	40	+3	..	..	..
188	121	Wyevale	185	188●	..	6.3	3.4	22.2
66	43	Wyko	50	54●	..	3.7	7.1	11.4
7	1¾	XCL Sparkle	2¾	3¾	..	..	..	..
7	5	Xtra-vision	5	8	..	..	..	..
133	118	Young Group	118	122●	..	6.9	5.8	13.4

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.0 (day's range 90.9-91.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2691-3.2870	3.2691-3.2727	½-⅜pr	½-⅜pr
Brussels	59.69-60.12	59.69-59.90	12-7pr	27-9pr
Copenhagen	11.2123-11.2625	11.2192-11.2430	1¼-½pr	1⅝-⅝pr
Dublin	1.0893-1.0909	1.0899-1.0909	11-6pr	15-5pr
Frankfurt	2.9090-2.9153	2.9090-2.9124	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr
Lisbon	249.00-251.14	249.13-250.15	27-63ds	174-266ds
Madrid	183.12-184.37	183.12-183.75	23-34ds	76-91ds
Milan	2169.97-2181.47	2169.97-2172.96	par-2ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9863-1.9806	1.9768-1.9806	0.38-0.31pr	0.68-0.58pr
New York	1.7365-1.7450	1.7440-1.7450	0.78-0.76pr	2.06-2.04pr
Oslo	11.3704-11.4192	11.3761-11.4001	par-⅜ds	⅜-1⅛ds
Paris	9.8937-9.9394	9.8937-9.9081	1¼-1pr	2⅜-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.5861-10.6410	10.5861-10.6096	⅝pr-⅝ds	⅜-1⅝ds
Tokyo	230.50-231.91	231.60-231.91	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr
Vienna	20.41-20.52	20.41-20.43	3-1⅝pr	4⅝-3⅜pr
Zurich	2.5279-2.5414	2.5279-2.5311	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17250.7-17260.1
Australia dollar	2.1727-2.1759
Bahrain dinar	0.6512-0.6585
Brazil cruzeiro *	777.45-778.43
Cyprus pound	0.804-0.814
Finland marka	7.065-7.125
Greece drachma	322.65-326.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.4944-13.5040
India rupee	44.78-45.18
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4965-0.5045
Malaysia ringgit	4.7779-4.7824
Mexico peso	5305-5405
New Zealand dollar	2.9709-2.9778
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4825-6.5625
Singapore dollar	2.9449-2.9484
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3673-5.4750
S Africa rand (com)	4.9004-4.9103
U A E dirham	6.3475-6.4275

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2479-1.2490
Austria	11.76-11.78
Belgium (Com)	34.44-34.48
Canada	1.1341-1.1348
Denmark	6.4620-6.4670
France	5.6835-5.6865
Germany	1.6710-1.6720
Hong Kong	7.7510-7.7520
Ireland	1.5975-1.5990
Italy	1251.5-1252.5
Japan	132.60-132.70
Malaysia	2.7443-2.7453
Netherlands	1.8860-1.8870
Norway	6.5500-6.5550
Portugal	143.95-144.15
Singapore	1.6915-1.6925
Spain	105.25-105.35
Sweden	6.1000-6.1050
Switzerland	1.4540-1.4550

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 28, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.139%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10% Low 10½ Week fixed: 10$^{9}/_{16}$
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 9$^{15}/_{16}$; 3 mth 9$^{11}/_{16}$. Sell: 2 mth 9$^{13}/_{16}$; 3 mth: 9$^{9}/_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⅛-10$^{7}/_{32}$	10-9$^{31}/_{32}$	9⅞-9$^{27}/_{32}$	9⅝-9½	
Sterling Money Rates:	10⅛-10$^{7}/_{32}$	10-9$^{31}/_{32}$	9⅞-9$^{27}/_{32}$	9$^{9}/_{16}$-9$^{17}/_{32}$	9$^{9}/_{16}$-9$^{17}/_{32}$
Interbank:	10⅛-10$^{3}/_{16}$	10$^{15}/_{32}$-$^{13}/_{32}$	10⅛-10$^{3}/_{16}$	10$^{7}/_{32}$-$^{5}/_{32}$	10$^{3}/_{16}$-10⅛
(Overnight: open 10⅛, close 10⅛.					
Local Authority Deps:	10%	n/a	10$^{3}/_{16}$	10$^{3}/_{16}$	10%
Sterling CDs:	10$^{15}/_{32}$-10$^{3}/_{16}$	10$^{7}/_{16}$-10⅛	10$^{5}/_{32}$-10⅛	10$^{3}/_{16}$-$^{1}/_{16}$	10$^{3}/_{16}$-$^{1}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	5.50-5.45	5.47-5.42	5.47-5.42	5.65-5.60	5.80-5.75
Building Society CDs:	10⅛-10$^{15}/_{32}$	10$^{15}/_{32}$-$^{13}/_{32}$	10$^{5}/_{16}$-$^{3}/_{32}$	10⅛-10%	10⅛-10%

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5	5½-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5½-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5½	5⅝-4⅝
Deutschemark:	9⅛-8⅞	9$^{3}/_{16}$-9	9⅛-8⅞	9$^{7}/_{16}$-9$^{5}/_{16}$	8½-7⅜
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9$^{5}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{16}$	9$^{7}/_{16}$-9$^{5}/_{16}$	9½-9⅜	9⅛-8⅜
Swiss Franc:	8⅛-8	8$^{3}/_{16}$-8$^{1}/_{16}$	8⅛-8	8⅜-8	8-7
Yen:	7-6⅞	6$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	6½-6⅜	6¼-6⅛	6⅞-5⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $351.50-352.00 Close: $351.80-352.20 High: $352.70-353.20
Low: $350.85-351.35 Krugerrand: $351.50-352.50 (£201.25-202.25)
Sovereigns: Old $82.50-83.50 (£47.25-48.25) New $82.25-83.25 (£47.00-48.00)
Platinum: $358.75 (£206.05) Silver: $4.24 (£2.425) Palladium: $83.15 (£47.75)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 43618	Sep 91	2583.0	2596.0	2582.0	2589.0	6473
	Dec 91	2630.0	2643.0	2630.0	2636.0	2507
	Mar 92				2672.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 123139	Dec 91	90.11	90.14	90.08	90.11	23201
	Mar 92	90.36	90.39	90.35	90.37	4057
	Jun 92	90.35	90.36	90.34	90.35	1231
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 28601	Dec 91	94.23	94.26	94.22	94.25	2298
	Mar 92	94.31	94.35	94.30	94.35	382
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 130773	Dec 91	90.64	90.67	90.64	90.67	6435
	Mar 92	90.91	90.93	90.89	90.92	4477
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3433	Dec 91	99-10	99-13	99-08	99-09	906
	Mar 92				98-15	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 58389	Sep 91				96-03	0
	Dec 91	96-09	96-18	96-04	96-08	22341
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	99.59	99.62	99.42	99.60	895
	Mar 92				99.71	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 83458	Dec 91	85.21	85.42	85.18	85.34	30487
	Mar 92	85.39	85.50	85.39	85.52	225
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4091	Dec 91	90.29	90.31	90.28	90.29	251
	Mar 92	90.63	90.66	90.63	90.65	140

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14¼	9¾	Alliance	13¼	13¾●	..	54.7	4.0	33.9
190	125	Amer Trust	178	180●	-3	6.3	3.5	43.8
291	212½	Ang & O'seas	277	280	-3	8.2	2.9	42.2
87	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	83	86	+1	6.0	7.1	18.6
106	90	BZW Conv	102	103●	+¼	10.3	10.0	11.6
121	77	Bankers	117	119	+2	4.3	3.6	38.8
147	105	Berry Starq	143	148	..	2.4s	1.7	34.8
90¼	63	Br Assets	88	89●	+¼	5.3b	6.0	20.2
53	42½	Br Empire Sec	52	53¼	..	1.0	1.9	67.9
16	10	Do Wnts	10	13	..	..	..	..
740	514	Br Inv	730	740	..	30.0	4.1	29.8
187	129	Brunner	184	187	..	6.1h	3.7	31.6
14¾	11¼	City & Comm	14¼	14¾	..	..	..	..
169	127	Contl Assets	157	160	..	0.9	0.6	..
244	191	Derby Inc	236	240	-1	24.2	10.2	13.5
219	169	Do Cap	190	193	..	..	..	..
93	52	Drayton Asia	84	87	..	0.9	1.0	86.6
410	187	Drayton Cons	242	252	..	22.7	9.2	14.5
102	57	Drayton Eng Intl	62	66	..	4.3	6.7	20.2
116	70	Drayton Far East	102	103	-¾	0.6	0.6	..
595	430	Dunedin Inc Gth	572	577●	-1	32.5h	5.7	22.6
515	380	Dunedin Worldwide	503	510	+1	12.0	2.4	47.3
284	205	Dundee & Lon	263	268	..	16.0	6.0	21.8
70	65	EFM Inc Tst	66	69	..	..	..	..
41¾	37	EFM Inc 100½ Pf	40¾	41¾	..	..	..	..
244	181	Edinburgh	240	242	+1	10.3	4.3	29.9
124	89	Electric Gen	121	123●	..	4.0h	3.3	37.2
78	52	English Scot	73	75s	..	2.3	3.1	38.0
53	17½	Ensign	17	19	..	1.7	9.4	14.0
243	193	European Asset	218	222	-3	..	..	..
183	140	F & C Eurotrust	161	165	..	1.5	0.9	..
110	80	For & Col Germany	102	105	..	0.3e	0.3	..
198	125	For & Col Pacific	191	198	+1	2.1	1.1	74.9
98	64½	For & Col Smaller	95	97	..	2.2	2.3	49.2
10	6¾	First Charlotte	8	9	+¾	0.3	3.5	44.7
203	130	Fleming American	189	191	-4	2.3	1.2	94.5
363	283	Fleming Claver	357	360	..	13.3b	3.7	33.1
167	124	Fleming Enterprise	161	163●	..	5.7	3.5	38.4
229	151	Fleming Far East	219	221	..	2.7	1.2	..
238	149	Fleming Fledgeling	236	239	..	4.0	1.7	87.4
105	88	Fleming High Inc	93	96●	..	7.7	8.1	18.7
273	170	Fleming Japanese	270	274	+3	1.0	0.4	..
235	187	Fleming Mercantile	230	232●	+3	8.5	3.7	30.8
212½	147½	Fleming Overseas	199	201	-¼	5.3	2.7	52.9
244	194	Fleming Universal	231	235	-1	3.7	1.6	84.3
182	124	For Col	178	179●	+¼	4.1	2.3	57.2
231	161	GT Japan	218	222	+1	1.5	0.7	..
127	75	General Cons Cap	113	117	..	..	..	..
136	114	Do Inc	126	130●	..	13.0b	10.8	12.0
193	126	Govett Atlantic	178	180	-3	4.7b	2.8	91.3
392	253	Govett Oriental	352	354	..	2.3	0.7	..
209	153	Govett Strategy	187	188	-6¾	8.8	4.5	19.4
306	239	Greenfriar	287	292	..	7.5	2.6	41.4
300	22	Gresham House	45	55	..	4.0	8.0	..
35	25	Independent Inv Co	33	34●	..	0.6	1.8	47.2
119	89½	Inv Cap	113	118	..	6.7b	5.8	23.2
101	78	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	100	102	..	9.3	9.2	13.4
153¼	130½	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	152½	153¼	..	..	..	..
183	128	Kleinwort Charter	180	182	..	8.5	4.8	26.4
171	124	Kleinwort O'seas	161	163●	..	4.3	2.7	45.1
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	115	118●	..	6.1	5.2	22.0
490	325	Law Debenture	483	488●	..	21.7	4.5	27.8
301	233	Majedie	293	296	..	11.3	3.8	31.8
232	184	Merchants	230	232	..	13.3b	5.8	22.7
29¼	10	Merrill Lynch	27¾	..	-¾	..	..	..
375	268	Monks Inv Tst	363	368	..	8.9	2.4	48.8
286	185	Murray Income	255	258●	-1	14.1	5.5	25.0
248	176	Murray Intl	238	241	..	14.5	6.0	21.4
257	181¼	Murray Small	254	258●	-1	5.1	2.0	49.8
247	176	Murray Venture	211	216	..	12.7	5.9	18.1
54	42	New Frontier	53	54	+¾	0.3	0.6	71.2
77¾	62½	do 6¾% Ln	73	78●	+1	650	8.6	..
121	90	Nthbrog Inc 83	110	115●	..	8.0	7.1	14.0
249	163	O'seas Inv Tst	235	240	..	3.2	1.3	..
226	133	Pacific Assets	215	217	..	1.2	0.6	73.5
8	2	Panaxs Gp	5	6¾	..	..e	..	..
67¾	94	Personal Assets	67	68●	+¾	2.0	3.0	44.7
105	85	RIT Cap Prtnrs	93	98	..	3.3	3.5	28.9
128	76	River & Merc	117	120	-1	..	..	..
310	253	Robeco	295	300	+3	..	..	..
332	235	Rolinco	295	300	+3	..	..	..
19¾	18¾	Rorento	19¼	..	..	..	..	..
236	180	St Andrew Inv Tst	232	236●	..	9.9h	4.2	31.8
174	134	Scottish	169	170	-¾	5.5	3.2	41.7
119¼	92½	Scot American	117¾	118●	..	5.4	4.6	28.8
63	48	Scot Eastern	60¾	62●	..	1.6	2.9	43.8
96	63	Scot Merc 'A'	84	87	..	3.6	4.4	29.5
162	114	Scot Mtge	153	155	-1	4.9	3.2	34.8
12¾	882	Second Alliance	12¾	12¾	..	48.7	3.8	34.4
79½	57½	Secs Tst of Scotland	74	75	..	4.1b	5.5	24.1
102	71	Selective Asset	99	100	..	1.0	1.0	58.5
33	22	Sphere Inv	26¾	27½	..	5.2s	19.3	6.2
340	254	Steel Burrill	332	340	..	16.7	5.0	17.6
94	58	TR Far East	86	89●	-1	3.3b	8.0	18.4
119	90	TR City Of Lon	117	118	..	6.4	5.4	25.3
82	40	TR Pacific	77	79	-1	0.3	0.4	..
37	28	TR Property	30½	31½	..	1.9	6.1	20.8
52	20	TR Tech Inv	45	48	..	2.3	4.9	12.8
146	98	TR Smlr Cos	143	146●	+1	4.9	3.4	33.6
277	210	Temple Bar	270	273●	-1	18.4	6.8	19.1
72	55	Thornton Asian Emg	61	64	..	0.7	1.1	..
84	46½	Throgmorton	55	56	-1¼	2.9	5.2	30.5
390	260	Throg Dual	350	375	..	..	..	..
259	189	Tribune	248	250	..	7.8	3.2	32.8
165	133	USDC Investment	159	161●	-1	5.7	3.5	38.1
73	58	Value Inc Tst	70	72	..	3.6b	5.1	17.2
670	478	Whitbread Inv	560	570	..	18.5	3.3	40.7
185	125	Witan	182	185	..	8.7	4.1	30.5

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	708-706	Sep	511-509	Oct	215.5-13.0
Dec	738 BID	Nov	535-534	Dec	200.6-98.0
Mar	775-773	Jan	558-556	Mar	198.8-95.8
May	795-794	Mar	575-574	May	196.4-94.2
Jul	815-813	May	unq	Aug	199.4-95.2
Sep	835-834	Jul	unq	Oct	200.0-94.0
Dec	859-857	Sep	unq		
Vol: 5606		Vol: 1661		Vol: 1945	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Nov	118.00	Nov	114.05	Oct	134.50
Jan	121.40	Jan	117.75	Dec	136.90
Mar	124.40	Mar	120.40	Feb	140.80
May	127.40	May	122.15	Apr	143.80
Jun	128.90	Sep	unq	Jun	unq
Vol:	374	Vol:	61	Vol:	20

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 352

	Open	Close
Mar (£/tonne)	130.0	131.5
Apr	125.0	122.5
May	unq	138.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.80	102.51	100.63
(+/-)	+2.76	*-3.01	-0.90
Eng/Wales:	75.34	104.13	100.17
(+/-)	+1.56	-2.82	-0.22
(%)	+9.7	-40.8	-20.3
Scotland:	77.55	97.87	103.33
(+/-)	+6.95	-3.65	-0.75
(%)	-66.1	-32.8	-70.0

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

Sep	
Open:	91.0
Close:	91.0
Oct	
Open:	106.0
Close:	105.0
Nov	
Open:	107.5
Close:	107.5
Volume:	76

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude levels were unchanged as the MMC meeting got underway in Geneva.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.75	n/c
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.70	n/c
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.60	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.05	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	21.95	n/c

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	242 (n/c)	245 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	195 (n/c)	197 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	198 (n/c)	199 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	204 (n/c)	205 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (-1)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	207 (n/c)	211 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Oct	198.75 BID	Feb	195.50 SLR
Nov	201.25-01.00	Mar	186.50 BID
Dec	202.25-01.75	Apr	184.00 SLR
Jan	200.00-99.75		Vol: 3527

BRENT

Oct	20.70-20.75	Dec	20.50-20.55
Nov	20.60-20.65		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 91	1530	1525	1514
Oct 91	1650	1640	1645
Jan 92	1700	1695	1698
Apr 92	1700	1690	1697

Vol: 295 lots Open interest: 2838
Dry cargo index 1523 -6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol: 877075
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1345.0-1345.5	1337.0-1338.0	
Lead (£/tonne)	307.50-308.00	318.00-318.25	52250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1007.5-1008.0	1027.5-1028.0	118925
Tin ($/tonne)	5528.0-5529.0	5600.0-5605.0	4290
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1168.0-1169.0	1198.0-1199.0	412150
Nickel ($/tonne):	7495.0-7500.0	7530.0-7540.0	19696

FOX MGMI INDEX (6pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Oct	135.40	136.40
Dec	135.80	136.80
Mar	136.20	137.20
		Vol: 297

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 16. Dealings end September 27. §Contango day September 30. Settlement day October 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
2	Sirdar	Textiles	
3	Tay Homes	Building, Roads	
4	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
5	Marks Spencer	Drapery, Stores	
6	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
7	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
8	Speyhawk	Property	
9	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
10	Harrison Crosfld	Industrials E-K	
11	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
12	Geest	Foods	
13	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
14	Nat West	Banks, Discount	
15	Br Aerospace	Motors, Aircraft	
16	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
17	Savills	Property	
18	Cater Allen	Banks, Discount	
19	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
20	Schroders	Banks, Discount	
21	Pearson	Newspapers, Pub	
22	FR Group	Motors, Aircraft	
23	Warburg SG	Banks, Discount	
24	BOC	Industrials A-D	
25	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
26	Blacks Leis	Drapery, Stores	
27	Exp Comp Louisiana	Oil, Gas	
28	RMC Gp	Building, Roads	
29	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
30	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
31	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
32	BAA	Transport	
33	Olives Hldgs	Paper, Print, Adv	
34	Boots	Industrials A-D	
35	Sema Gp	Electricals	
36	Capital Radio	Leisure	
37	Tiphook	Transport	
38	Br Steel	Industrials A-D	
39	Cap & Counties	Property	
40	Canning (W)	Chemicals, Plas	
41	Steetley	Building, Roads	
42	Microgen	Electricals	
43	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
44	MB-Caradon	Industrials L-R	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to today's competition.

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Top of the Pops is altering a successful format that has survived since its launch in 1964. **David Toop** questions the reasoning behind the decision

Why is the BBC changing its tune?

PICTORIAL PRESS

Changing tastes: the Rolling Stones, who were featured on *Top of the Pops* in 1964, were considered loud, boorish and offensive in their day

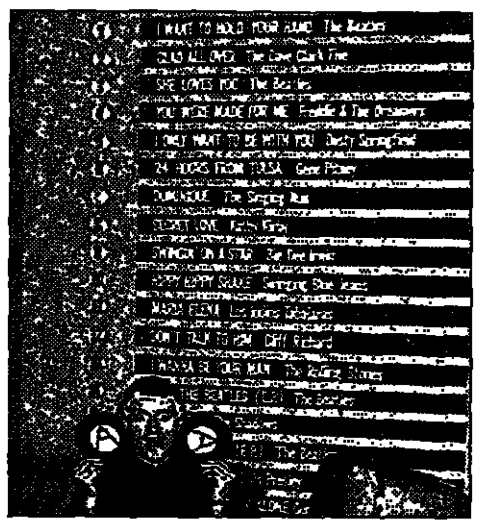
On January 1, 1964 a television programme called *Top of the Pops* was launched. Who would have dared to imagine that 28 years hence, the same programme would still be shaking a leg to the latest chart hits? In 1964, the pop charts were considered the dustbin of culture, yet in 1991, virtually all the performers whose records were featured in that first broadcast are still active in music. An alarming proportion of them — Dusty Springfield, Gene Pitney, Cliff Richard and individual members of the Beatles — still appear on *Top of the Pops*.

The programme may have enjoyed a longer life than Jimi Hendrix, Buddy Holly or Janis Joplin but the BBC has decided that the format must change. On October 3, edition No 1,439 will switch emphasis from the top 40 singles charts to a broader-based sweep of new music.

Although the No 1 single will feature each week, only singles in the top 10 will be eligible for inclusion for more than one week. Music from the album charts will be included, as well as records which do not feature in any chart. Live performances will be encouraged, promotional videos cut back and American charts featured.

In some ways, the decision is sensible. For many years the bigger music companies have regarded singles as a promotional device to stimulate the public into buying more profitable (and in the case of CDs, much more profitable) albums. The BBC reasoning is: what is the point of a mass audience television show featuring records that sell relatively small quantities?

The abiding appeal of *Top of the Pops*, however, has always been its adherence to a strict set of rules. Only records moving up the top 40 could be played. The results have often resembled a mad party, planned by a host with a suicidal desire to ignore barriers of class, taste, age and lifestyle. You could imagine the mounting hysteria as the invitations were written: let's ask an opera singer from Italy, a rap group from New York, a heavy metal band from London, an electronic minimalist duo from Belgium and an ageing balladeer who last had a hit in 1965.


Jimmy Savile span the discs in January 1964

This diversity reflects the fragmentation of popular music into specialist enclaves. Large quantities of singles are released, with more than a million being sold each week, but as the pie grows bigger the slices get smaller. Nevertheless, the notion that singles are vanishing is a fallacy, according to the charts manager of Gallup, John Pinder. "What tends to happen", he says, "is that older people who've got out of the habit of buying singles assume that no one else is buying them."

As *Top of the Pops* becomes obliged increasingly to feature younger, more abrasive acts, could the BBC have decided to move the goal-posts to restrict their strident and confusing presence? Judging from the comments of John Bishop, the assistant head of variety for BBC television, this looks plausible.

"I think because of the foundations of these rules, you can end up some weeks with a programme that is predominantly rap, or predominantly dance, which I think is a shame. I don't think that makes a particularly good television programme. I don't think it does what we're trying to do — in other words, appeal to the *Top of the Pops* audience, which covers a huge spectrum from the kids to the 45-year-olds."

Now the personal taste of the producer, Stanley Appel, who started with the programme as a cameraman in 1967, will be setting the agenda. How will he make his choices from the torrent of recorded music released each week? What sort of listener will he picture in his mind when he selects a track? Certain rap tracks, for example, may seem too noisy and aggressive, yet he should remember that the first band to appear on *Top of the Pops* in 1964 was the Rolling Stones, in those days considered loud, boorish, lawless and offensive.

Radio will not offer much of a guide. Running across the radio dial, the non-specialist music programmes sound unsure of how to cope with the lack of consensus of popular music's audience. Radio 1 will react to the astonishing phenomenon of the 71-year-old blues singer, John Lee Hooker, entering Britain's album charts at No 3 by playing "Mr Lucky" and then follow this with an electronic track. In one sense, the catholic approach is admirable, yet at the heart of these extreme contrasts lies a feeling that older pop and rock fans wish to calm down the hectic pace of change.

Few recent television music shows have devised a format that is mainstream without being dull or directionless. Under the guiding hand of Bob Harris in the 1970s, a programme such as *The Old Grey Whistle Test* succeeded by pretending that all other forms of music, outside of Harris's beloved mellow progressive rock, did not exist. John Bishop denies that *Top of the Pops* runs the risk of becoming just another anonymous TV pop slot, but admits that rock on television is now barely viable.

"More than ever," he says, "we as individuals have such diverse tastes. There are certain areas of music that would work late at night in a half-hour format. Fine, but it would receive a small audience. We don't have the resources to do that sort of thing at the moment and I don't think anybody else does."

With its move away from promotional videos, perhaps the new *Top of the Pops* also shows signs of a desire to set the clock back. Pop videos and the rise of MTV's non-stop music television, along with an emergence of fast-moving genres such as rap, are phenomena that have changed the way in which music is sold and consumed. Love them or hate them, they represent the present. It is a paradox that the unchanging format of *Top of the Pops* has kept pace with these changes. Adopting a looser, more subjective approach, can the programme continue to do so?

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It must be admitted that of the 300 missives so far, 22 were written by the same hand. Clearly a pad-a-day man, a serious addict. There are many: if you doubt it, study any local newspaper for a month. Do not the same, determined names recur? Over and over again weary editors print contributions from Mrs Emily Snapwhistle who remembers her childhood in exhausting detail, from Sgt-Major E.R. Gallstone (retd.) who feels that young people today lack discipline, and a stage army of embittered farmers, stroppy ramblers, grammatical pedants and lone crusaders against Freemasonry on the council.

The publisher, Faith Hines, wants to open her arms to them all (though she prudently delegates the task of actually editing this nightmare to a seasoned former chief sub on the *Financial Times*, Johnnie Johnson). She is already busy running the world's largest laundry and mangle museum in Tunbridge Wells, and is a woman of divers talents: 30 years ago she was the flawless TV face of Camay soap and early fish fingers.

This latest idea, she explains, "came to me when I fell off a Snowmobile in Finland". Additional impetus was given by the fact that her husband, Peter Wills, was made redundant after being deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange. "Since then, he adores writing letters to newspapers, and signing them 'Major, retd'." She recognised the existence of a definite, letter-writing phase of life. "When I did market research, 16 to 28-year-olds thought it wasn't a good idea at all, but as people get older they start to think it's the best ever. That's why we're advertising in the Saga magazine and the *Telegraph*."

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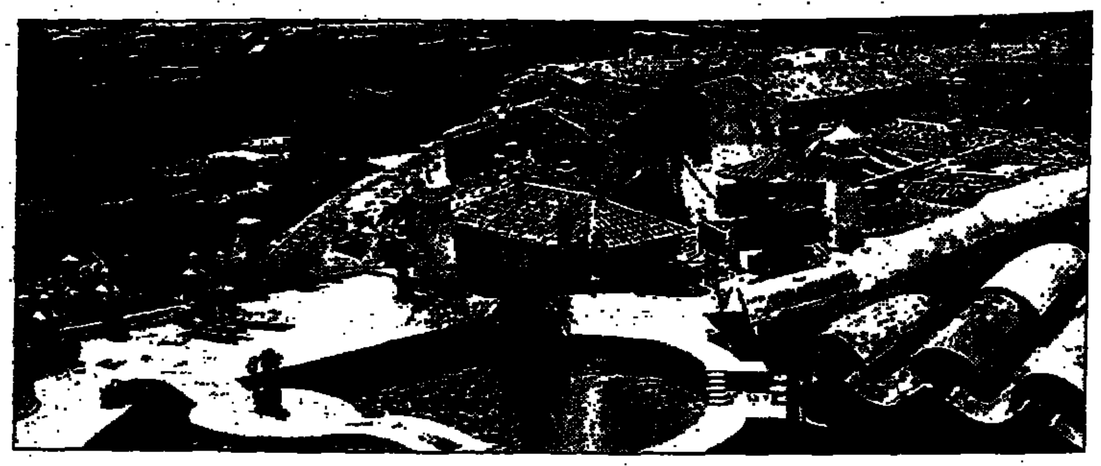

Spanish sale: Lovells, a British builder, has cut prices by 30 per cent on most unsold properties in its well-established projects, White Pearl Beach, left, near Marbella, and Puebla Aida, near Mijas, above. One-bedroom flats start at £33,000

Prices in Spain still on the wane

Now is the time to find a bargain, Diana Wildman writes, but buyers should hire a lawyer — and beware of tighter rules

For decades, foreigners could happily buy Spanish properties with little government interference. For example, nobody took much notice of the differential between the price actually paid for a home and the lower one so often registered on the *escritura* (title deed) even though it has been illegal to do this for years.

All that is set to change as local authorities, on instructions from Madrid, tighten up on buying and selling regulations. However, says James Dolan, of ECS, a firm of taxation and financial advisers with offices in Spain and Gibraltar, the Spanish authorities are not out to victimise non-residents; their targets are Spaniards evading taxation.

Mr Dolan says the main points of the proposed legislation are a 5 per cent company tax to be introduced, in certain cases, on the Spanish asset — ie, the property — of an offshore company registered in a country without a double taxation agreement with Spain, regular payments of an annual wealth tax on Spanish assets and the introduction of a 10 per cent withholding tax in certain circumstances on buyers acquiring a Spanish home from certain non-residents. The reform will be implemented gradually over the next two years.

The property market in southern Spain is extremely slow. The coast road between Malaga Airport and Gibraltar is lined with leisure schemes, of which almost half appear either empty or incomplete.

Prices are far lower than two years ago, but with so much for sale it is obvious that in many cases they are still too high. Now could be the time to bag a bargain, but check, through a lawyer, that the developer is fully funded.

Lovells, a British housebuilder, has taken the sensible step of reducing almost all the unsold properties on its two schemes, Puebla Aida, near Mijas, and White Pearl Beach, east of Marbella, by 30 per cent. Both schemes are well-established.

Puebla Aida was started in 1985 and so far 90 homes have been sold, leaving 35 still available, ten for immediate occupation and the rest ready by spring next year. Ideal for permanent or semi-permanent living, Puebla Aida overlooks Mijas golf course.

The homes are cluster-built in Andalusian style. Gardens and shady paths are dotted with small swimming pools. The value now is good, partly because the land was acquired before the price boom of the late 1980s.

Discounted prices start from £33,000 for a one-bedroom flat overlooking a courtyard and swimming pool; £59,300 for a two-bedroom, furnished terrace house; £70,000 for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom showhouse with contents, and £90,000 for two-bedroom penthouses with two large terraces. Service charges should be about £600 a year.

White Pearl Beach, near the Don Carlos Hotel, consists of 112 one to four bedroom apartments, of which the first stage of 50 is complete, about half of them sold. The spacious, well-fitted apartments have air-conditioning and central heating. Thirty per cent discounts have brought prices down to £74,665, £104,610 and £196,390 for one, two and three bedroom units.

Service charges of about £2,000 a year include swimming pool and garden maintenance and a 24-hour security patrol.

Coleman Ballantine is a Scottish firm of architects building in Gibraltar and Spain. Due for completion next spring is Portland House, by the marina in Waterport Wharf, Gibraltar. Thirty-three of the 64 apartments have been sold, at between £119,340 and £186,660. The views are superb, there is double glazing throughout, a rooftop swimming pool and underground parking.

Lawrence Isola, of Fiduciary Property Services, sales agents, says the homes are being bought by a mix of Gibraltarians, expatriate business people and people retiring from Britain.

Holmes Ltd, with offices in Ipswich and Sotogrande, is the agent for Coleman Ballantine's first scheme in Spain within the 4,000-acre Sotogrande estate. The company aims to build two bedroom, one bathroom villas set in at least a quarter of an acre for £150,000. Completion is due to take seven months.

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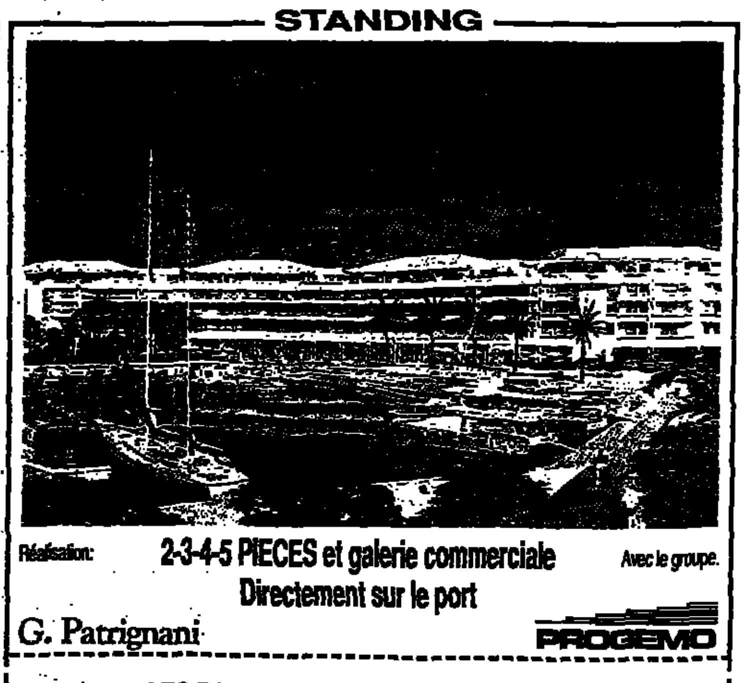

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Factories, offices, shops and jobs — that is Kent's vision of the Euro link, writes

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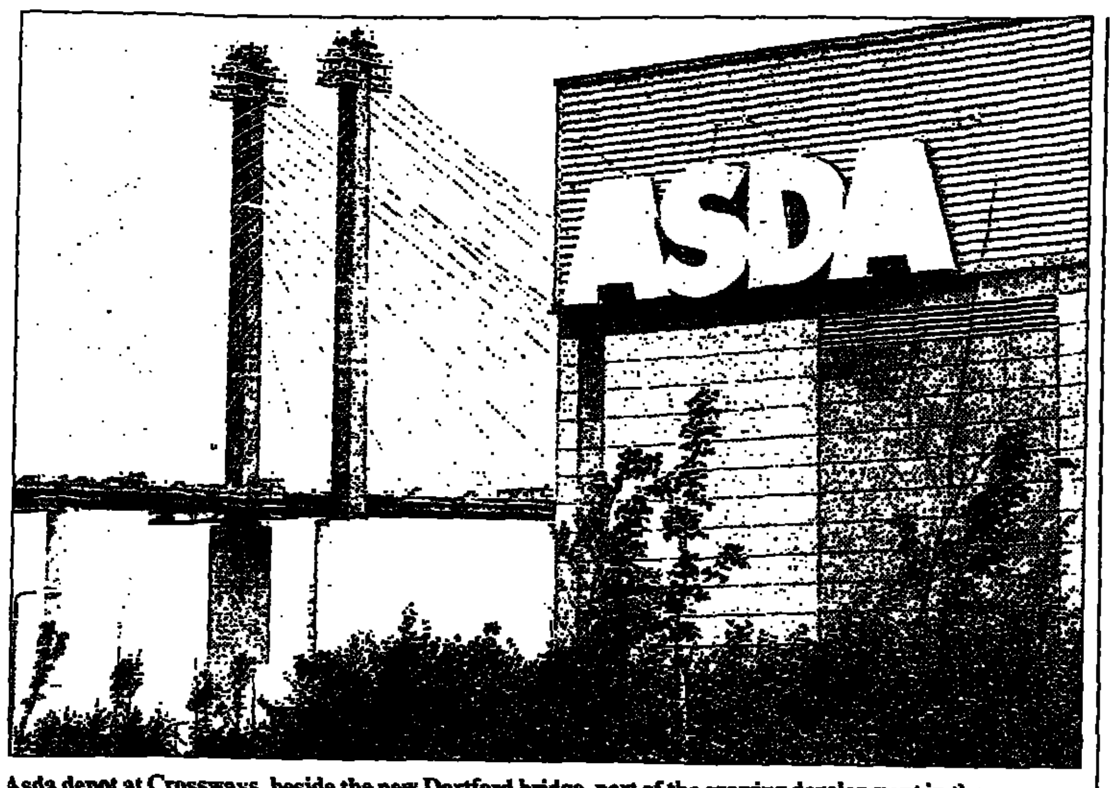

Hats off to success: Channel tunnel workers celebrate and, right, the Asda depot at Crossways, beside the new Dartford bridge, part of the growing development in the area

Uncertainty, concern and optimism in roughly equal proportions have been expressed in Kent about the Channel tunnel's expected impact on the county.

Several large schemes are under construction or planned, but research by the agent Matthews & Goodman shows that, even before the recession, there was a cautious response from Britain's largest companies. A 1989 survey of 48 of the top 100 companies revealed that 60 per cent intended to use the tunnel for importing and exporting, half of those in Kent expected to expand, 28 per cent with premises there expected to establish new ones, but only two new companies were likely to move in.

Matthews & Goodman concluded that towns along the M20 corridor, Ashford and Maidstone particularly, were bound to benefit from the tunnel. The survey said the new M20 link to provide continuous motorway between London and the Cheriton terminal and the high-speed rail link would permit mid-Kent residents to travel further to work and make Ashford and Maidstone more attractive to businesses wishing to move from London.

This year, Matthews & Goodman notes that modifications to Kent's structure plan for office and industrial space shows a redirection of investment from the wealthy western parts to less prosperous areas.

The new offices allocation for Sevenoaks is halved, and for Tunbridge Wells it is slightly reduced; but Gravesend's provision is increased. The allocation for industrial space in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Canterbury is reduced but it is increased for the Folkestone area.

The failure of potential developers to participate in preparing local plans for the next ten years could frustrate their intentions. It could be too late to influence policy in towns such as Ashford, Maidstone, the Medway towns, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, which have been under the greatest pressure for new development and are well advanced in putting their plans into practice. The Canterbury, Dartford and Folkestone local authorities, however, are still open to representations.

Ashford, near the tunnel terminal, has attracted interest because of its designation as a growth centre, but despite the abundance of land with planning permission, little is being developed.

Meanwhile, Blue Circle, the cement company, is developing a 50-acre industrial park at Sittingbourne, has planning consent for Blue Water Park, a shopping centre of 1.7 million sq ft on the south side of the Dartford crossing, and is building Crossways, which it claims will be Britain's largest business park, with three million sq ft of offices and warehouses. Crossways, which will benefit from the new Dartford bridge, opening next month, will eventually house a business community of more than 10,000 people.

One of the largest speculative schemes is the 1,250-acre Swale development proposal, at Ridham on the mainland and Sheerness, Minster and Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey. The scheme, given consent in principle by Swale borough council, is now being considered by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary.

Richard Ellis, the agent, is seeking a lead developer for this enormous project, which will take 12 or 15 years to complete. The scheme will provide 10 million sq ft of industrial and business space, a privately funded River Swale crossing and 3,300 homes, and will create an estimated 9,000 jobs.

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Doing the odd job: McCririck as his admirers know him best, giving the latest information from the betting market to television viewers. From the left the postures represent Evens, 2-1, 9-4 and 33-1

The punters' Pied Piper still leading the field

Oddball, showman or sage? John McCririck is the most colourful figure in racing, yet the outlandish character shouting the odds for television lives a life of contradictions, **Richard Evans** reports

The mere mention of his name is enough to produce snarls or smiles. Loved and loathed, ridiculed and respected, he cannot be ignored. And not just because of the loud lemon or pink safari-style suits and joke shop headgear that accompany the Pickwickian whiskers and ten-inch cigars.

If Peter O'Sullevan is the voice of racing, John McCririck is the sport's unofficial salesman. He has barged his way into millions of living rooms via Channel 4 whether viewers have liked it or not. On the racecourse he is the punters' pal with the powers of a Pied Piper.

Variously described as a sexist paddock buffoon and a hedge pulled through a man backwards, McCririck is the most colourful figure in racing today. But is he oddball, showman or outspoken sage?

He has just completed a book entitled *John McCririck's World of Betting: Double Carpet and All That*, which will be published next month. While readers will learn about betting personalities, coups and disasters, they will not be much wiser about the author.

McCririck was born in Surbiton, Surrey. His age is a closely guarded secret. According to colleagues he is 52. "Total lies," he says.

A school bookmaker at Harrow with Julian Wilson, he left with three O-levels and headed for the kitchens of The Dorchester. Racing quickly triumphed over waiting, and he worked variously as a bookies' floorman, clerk, tic-tac man and private handicapper on Formindex.

A great supporter of coursing, he was taken on by *The Sporting Life* as coursing correspondent in 1972 after coming to public prominence on television, where he defended the sport. Here we encounter one of many contradictions that flow through McCririck's life. He is a passionate supporter of coursing, yet is the first to criticise jockeys for overuse of the whip on "poor, defenceless horses".

Similarly, McCririck is the punters' friend, the man of the people, who suddenly switches to being an Old Harrovian, travelling first-class.

He is a journalist who has specialised in the world of betting and won two British press awards. Yet he delights in attacking colleagues, describing them as lazy, supine, revolting and dreadful reptiles.

The apparent mistrust of pressmen is due, in part, to the clashes he experienced during his 12 years at *The Sporting Life* and the front page treatment meted out to him by the *Daily Star*, which culminated in McCririck winning substantial libel damages.

He was dismissed from *The Sporting life* in 1984. "I was very unpopular there," he says. "I am not an easy person to work with. I fight my corner ferociously. I take rebuffs hard. As far as personal slights are concerned I am a man who harbours grudges. It is nothing to be proud of. It is one of the weaknesses of my character that I do remember and I do get my own back."

Working in television began in 1972 when Wilson got him a job behind-the-scenes on *Grandstand*: Nine years later McCririck joined ITV and started shouting the odds to viewers before moving to Channel 4.

Brough Scott, the Channel 4 presenter, believes the key to McCririck's success is having harnessed the excitement of the betting ring and delivered it to the living-room punter. As for the outlandish image, Scott said: "The public sees the saner side of him. Don't anyone think his oddities are made up for television. He is a child-man. He has got the unpredictability and enthusiasm of a child and the professionalism of a top broadcaster. He's a tremendous TV operator. Forget about his persona, his clothes and the subject.

"As a television performer he is terrific. He is a unique act. All the rest of the Channel 4 team are replaceable. He isn't.' "

McCririck insists he is just a journalist reporting the news. "I am giving news, what I at home would like to know. What the 'faces' are backing, why certain bookmakers aren't laying a certain horse, why certain people are backing it, why it is drifting, why it is coming in and so on. I'm not putting on an act."

Wilson, the BBC television racing correspondent, once wrote: "John McCririck is a disgrace. A disgrace to his school, his wife and his profession. He is undisciplined, unkempt and unabashed . . . he also appears to be by far the most popular individual on racing TV."

ATHLETICS

Vaulter on life drugs ban seeks a reprieve

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JEFF Gutteridge, the British international pole vaulter banned for life three years ago after failing a drugs test, is preparing to argue his case for reinstatement and will begin training next week with the 1992 Barcelona Olympics as his target.

Gutteridge, a 1984 Olympic finalist, is the only British athlete to have been suspended permanently from sport for testing positive. His hopes of a return have been raised by a proposal from the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) drug abuse committee that Britain should abandon its unilateral policy of life bans for first offences and fall into line with the International Amateur Athletic Federation's four-year punishment.

Until last month the IAAF operated two-year bans which the BAAB felt was an inadequate deterrent. The British Athletics Federation (BAF) takes over the running of the sport from the BAAB on October 1 and drugs penalties will be one of the first issues to be addressed. The undercurrent of feeling is that the BAF council will accept the drug abuse committee's proposal because four-year bans are a sufficient deterrent.

"If they do that I am definitely going to appeal and ask them for reinstatement," Gutteridge said from his home in Livermore, California. "I am excited about this. I have kept my body in good shape. If they let me in and I can afford it, I'll come back to Britain and do the Olympic trials."

Gutteridge tested positive while training in Lanzarote on April 29, 1988, and appealed when his suspension was announced three months later, claiming that the proper procedures were not adhered to. However, an independent tribunal set up by the BAAB rejected his contention. In 1989 he moved to the United States.

"I have pole vaulted for fun three or four times every year since I have been away from the sport and I jumped 4.09 metres in July," Gutteridge, aged 34, said. The Olympic qualifying height is 5.50 metres, the clearance achieved this year by only one British vaulter. Gutteridge's best is 5.40 metres.

"I am sure I will jump 5.20 metres after six months," Gutteridge, who won a Commonwealth Games silver medal in 1982 added. After that he is not sure.

"I trained a lot of years to do 5.40. If they reinstate me and I look as though I have not a hope of doing 5.50 then I will compete in some small meets. But I am going to go through a training regime with every intention of trying to vault again."

The renowned fun run shows a serious side

FUN runs are never entirely what their title would have us believe (David Powell writes). When was there ever such a thing that did not have someone trying to win it? Even the best-known fun run of all encourages competition by keeping records of its fastest times.

Richard Nerurkar, Britain's leading 10,000 metres runner, and Wendy Sly, the Olympic 3,000 metres bronze medal winner, hold the men's and women's records for the *Sunday Times* national fun run, which has been staged annually for 13 years in Hyde Park. More than that, a statistician has used the fun run figures to have some fun himself.

He has worked out that Bruce Tulloh, who coached Nerurkar to fifth place at the Tokyo world championships, has produced the best performance in terms of finishing time related to age. Nerurkar ran the two and a half miles in 11min 18sec, Sly 13:17 and Tulloh, at the age of 55, 13:20.

Tulloh, the records show, is the most frequent winner in the history of the event, which is divided into 30 age sections.

At its peak, the *Sunday Times* fun run bloated to 30,000 participants and the interest it still generates among the Sunday morning joggers has encouraged the Sports Council to fund it this year, now that the newspaper has stepped down. Some 15,000 to 20,000 people are expected to take part.

To be held on October 6, it will be known as the Year of Sport national fun run, this being the Sports Council's designated year of sport.

Bubka signs for Berlin

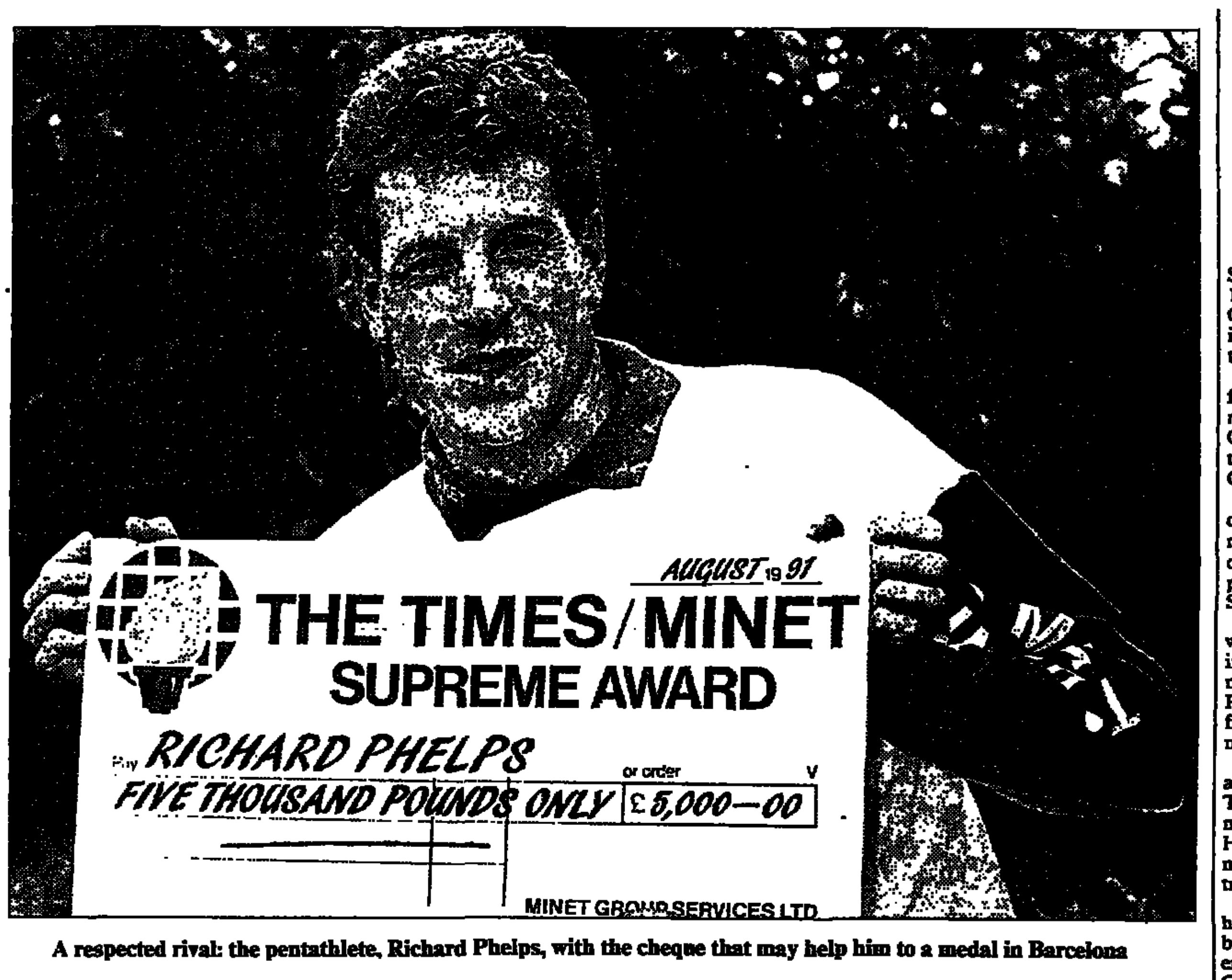
BERLIN (AFP) — Sergei Bubka, the Soviet pole vault world champion and world record-holder, has joined the Berlin team, Olympischer Sport Club, a team official said yesterday.

The contract was signed at the weekend. It will start in December and keep Bubka at Berlin until the end of 1992.

Bubka will get DM200,000 (about £70,000) a year, as well as an apartment and free plane tickets to take his family back to the Ukraine when he wishes.

Bubka set another outdoor world record of 6.10 metres at Malmö, Sweden, on August 5. He won the world title, despite being injured.

Earlier this year it was rumoured that Bubka might move to France because of the troubles in his homeland, but he denied this, though he said he might go to Germany.



A respected rival: the pentathlete, Richard Phelps, with the cheque that may help him to a medal in Barcelona

World-class in five disciplines

By MICHAEL COLEMAN

THE TIMES/MINET SUPREME AWARD

WHY anybody persists with modern pentathlon when every other sport in the Olympic Games seems to have a commercial spin-off or is a step to a professional career, is anyone's guess. There is no financial reward.

It cannot be for the publicity because it is perhaps the sport least written about. In June, Richard Phelps, aged 30, beat all the men who matter in the World Cup contest at Milton Keynes but received scant media recognition. The British team also came within 50 points of beating the Soviet Union team, which, a month later, retained its title at the world championships.

Phelps became entangled with the sport in 1974, when 13. The fact that his uncle, Rob, was an international, helped him learn how to use an epée, handle a pistol on the range, turn smoothly in the swimming pool, control a strange horse and spread the effort when running over hilly cross-country.

Since his first senior world championship in 1979, foreign rivals have learned to treat Phelps with respect. His recent record reads: fourth individual in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics; seventh in the world in 1987, leading the British to the bronze team medal; sixth at the Seoul Olympic Games and a bronze again for the team in 1988; fifth at the 1989 Budapest worlds; fifth again last year at Lahti.

After his win at Milton Keynes, Phelps seemed on course for the world title at San Antonio, Texas, last month. He was the recipient of a *Times*/Minet supreme award and it was thought that sponsors and the Sports Council would open their purses readily. But Phelps finished twentieth.

His competition effectively ended on the first day which, in San Antonio, was taken up by fencing against the 71 other competitors in one-hit fights.

Phelps scored only 730 points, about 150 fewer than he needed. "I felt lost. It just wasn't working," Phelps said. "It wasn't jetlag as I'd arrived nine days before and felt strong, rested and sharp. But it wasn't there."

With such a deficit, even Phelps's iron discipline could not drive him to extra effort in the four sports to come. "But better it happened in San Antonio than in Barcelona next year," he said.

Unfortunately for Phelps, fencing, at which the British rarely excel, will again be the first event in modern pentathlon at the Olympics. What can be done? "Perhaps we could invite over to Britain some of those unemployed coaches from eastern Europe," Phelps suggested. "It would be money well spent."

The Times/Minet Supreme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-based firm of international insurance brokers — to help fund Britain's preparations for the 1992 Olympics. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

New ski trail which is well worth following

By JANE WYATT

INTEGRATION is one of the buzz-words in the world of sport for the disabled, although it is usually easier to talk about than to achieve. But when it happens successfully, as in the case of the blind skier, Peter Young, and his relationship with the British Ski Federation (BSF), it is a gratifying experience.

Young, aged 33, from Dagenham, had already achieved international recognition as a cross-country and biathlon skier, winning a bronze medal at the last Paralympics, but needed help to lift him the final notch to the gold.

Last year he was introduced to the BSF, whose sponsors were so impressed they offered him cash support for two years, enabling him to take more time off work to spend on training. The BSF also helps to kit him out, and he wears the same snow suits as his sighted colleagues.

The BSF director for the national cross-country and biathlon teams, John Leeming, saw that Young's technique needed refinement and decided the best course of action was for him to train with the national teams. Last winter's snow training in Sweden undoubtedly helped Young to go on to win the Finnish, Norwegian and European championships.

Earlier this month the British Olympic Association ran a winter sports training camp in Shropshire and Young was there as one of the BSF's athletes. As Leeming points out, Young's hard training, mental fortitude and determination to win can be thought-provoking "for those other young men who think they are the bee's knees. Pete says: 'I cannot and I will not be beaten', and he gets more publicity than our guys, so he makes a terrific contribution to morale. They may have to guide him around the course, but he is the one with the medals. This way, everyone benefits."

As a result of the success Young has made of the association, the BSF is open to requests for help from other skiers with disabilities who can prove their potential.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Challenge
10.30 (third day)
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Victoria.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Rumbelows League Cup
Second round, first leg

Bristol R v Bristol C (all ticket, 8.00)...
Charlton v Norwich (Upton Park, 7.45)
Chelsea v Tranmere.........
Coventry v Rochdale (7.45).........
Derby v Ipswich.........
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Hartlepool v Crystal Palace.........
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Man Utd v Cambridge Utd (7.45).........
Millwall v Swindon (7.45).........
Nottm Forest v Bolton.........
Swansea v Tottenham.........

GM Vauxhall Conference

Cheltenham v Kettering.........
Welling v Boston.........

Skol Cup
Semi-final

Rangers v Hibernian (Hampden Park)

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Molesey v Croydon; Uxbridge v Aveley. Third division: Edgware v Tilbury; Royston v Kingsbury.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Droylsden. First division: Alfreton v Bridlington Town; Caernarfon v Curzon Ashton; Lancaster City v Netherfield; Radcliffe Borough v Guiseley.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Chippenham; Frome v Elmore; Tiverton v Torrington.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00 unless stated): First division: Leeds v Barnsley; Rotherham v Bradford; Sheff Wed v Blackburn; Sunderland v Man City. Second division: Burnley v Port Vale (7.15); Notts County v Blackpool; Scunthorpe v Wigan; Wolverhampton v Middlesbrough.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Ipswich v Swindon; Oxford Utd v Norwich; Watford v West Ham; Wimbledon v Brighton.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Murton v Shildon; South Bank v Blyth Spartans; Whitby v Langley Park Welfare.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic V Harwich and Parkeston; Cornard v Brightlingsea; Stowmarket v Gorleston; Thetford v Lowestoft.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cheshire v Cumbria (New Brighton); Irish Exiles v Leinster (Sunbury); Surrey v British Police (Rosslyn Park, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v Metropolitan Police (7.15); Cambridge University v Cambridge City (7.15); Eastern Counties v Saracens (at Barking RFC); Maesteg v Mid-Glamorgan (7.15); Pontypridd v Lydney (7.00); Swansea v Tredegar (7.00); Weston-super-Mare v Wanderers (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITHS YORKSHIRE CUP (7.15): Bramley v Bradford; Castleford v Hull KR; Huddersfield v Wakefield; Hull v Featherstone.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Kingston v Hemel Hempstead Royals.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Nissan Irish Classic (Kilkenny).
GOLF: Men's home internationals (County Sligo).
SNOOKER: Strachan professional qualifying (Stoke).
YACHTING: Six-Metre world championship (Torbay).

Star Player leaps to 12-1 favourite for Cesarewitch

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

STAR Player was promoted to 12-1 favourite for the Cesarewitch after an eye-catching victory over an inadequate trip at Kempton yesterday.

John Baker's much improved five-year-old revels in staying races, having picked up the Chester Cup over an extended two-and-a-quarter miles at Chester in May.

The Kone Lifts Handicap over one-and-three-quarter miles round the sharp Sunbury course looked as though it could prove too short for the son of Simply Great.

Despite entering the straight with at least half a dozen horses in front of him, Ray Cochrane never gave up hope and Star Player sprouted wings in the final 100 yards to beat Farat by a neck.

"He's got a fair bit of speed and had quite a lot to do today. The Cesarewitch has been the main objective since Chester. He should be just about spot on now," the veteran Devon trainer said.

Star Player won a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter last December and Baker is now considering the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham next March.

On a damp, overcast afternoon thoughts of National Hunt glory were not out of place. Francois Doumen, trainer of The Fellow, travelled from Chantilly to Kempton yesterday and confirmed his star six-year-old chaser is on course for the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day and the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

The Fellow, beaten a short head by Garrison Savannah at Cheltenham in March, won over hurdles three weeks ago and makes his seasonal debut over hurdles today.

"He is harder and better altogether and getting stronger. Last spring he would not have been capable of winning the hurdle race he won the other day," Doumen said.

The going was changed from good to soft after Skipper To Bilge, a renowned mudlark, obliged under a forceful ride from Willie Carson in the Ring & Brymer Business Friends Handicap.

Threshfield, trained by Barney Curley and ridden by Lester Piggott, did not have the clearest of runs on the rails and finished third. But the trainer-gambler was more concerned afterwards about the state of British racing than his horse's performance.

Curley, who told selected newspapers late on Monday that Piggott would ride his horse, said: "I am not declaring any more jockeys for any more of my horses as a personal protest against the rape of English racing by the government in conjunction with the big three bookmakers. It apears no-one has got the backbone, so I will do it."

Big bookmaker profits and the government's take from racing have undoubtedly hurt the sport, but it is hard to see how Curley's short-sighted action will rectify racing's difficulties.

The only people who will be inconvenienced will be punters, the very people which Curley's Independent Racing Organisation is supposed to help.

Robert Armstrong has had a miserable season with most of his string hit by the virus but his horses have started to run better recently. Enaya continued the revival when making almost all the running to win the EBF Duxford Maiden Fillies' Stakes by seven lengths.

"She has only come to herself in the last two weeks," the trainer said. "I entered her for this race in the hope that the ground would have a bit of give. I was delighted with the way she did it."

Bookmakers caught out by early gambles

BOOKMAKERS at Nottingham yesterday were left nursing their wounds as Lady Of Sardinia and Satin Lover landed gambles in the first two races.

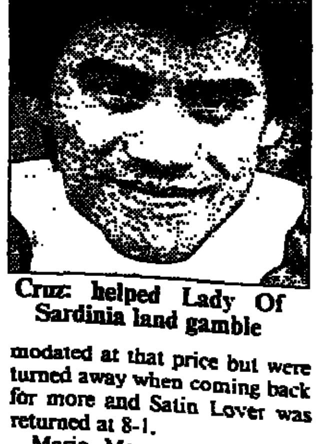
Lady Of Sardinia was backed from 20-1 to 8-1 before the Sibthorpe Selling Stakes, the plunge taking bookmakers by surprise as Pip Payne's charge had finished last in both of her two previous races at Yarmouth.

However, the writing was on the wall two furlongs out when Tony Cruz hit the front and Lady Of Sardinia, tackling plating class for the first time, came home six lengths clear of the favourite, Up The Punjab.

"There had to be some improvement after her last two efforts and she has taken a bit of time to come to hand," commented the Newmarket trainer, who bought in the winner for 7,500 guineas.

The owners of Satin Lover, runaway winner of the Nottingham Goose Fair Handicap, criticised the on-course bookmakers for refusing some of their bets.

They had anticipated that the three-year-old, carrying 10lb more than his true handicap mark, would be priced at 33-1, but the best they could find was 16-1. The owners were accommodated at that price but were turned away when coming back for more and Satin Lover was returned at 8-1.



Cruz: helped Lady Of Sardinia land gamble

Mario Mauro, who runs a building firm in East London, said: "We have lost £20,000 on our other horse, Lara's Baby, and the bookmakers always let us on. Here, they just stopped taking our bets. It wasn't fair."

Satin Lover, bought privately by Reg Akehurst from Albert Davison and making his debut for the Epsom trainer, took up the running three out and strode clear for a ten-length victory in the hands of Francis Norton.

A day at Ascot races

MR JAMES Bailey and Mrs Maureen Horton are the winners of *The Times*/Krug competition offering the chance for two people, plus guests, to travel to Ascot for the Brent Walker Festival of Racing on Saturday.

Mr Bailey, of Hall Green, Birmingham, and Mrs Horton, of Farnham, Surrey, and their friends, will be the guests of Krug Champagne for the day, the most valuable day's racing in the calendar.

ANSWERS: 1, Swinley Bottom, 2, Markofdistinction, Pontenuovo; 3, M Camacho; 4, 20; 5, Queen Anne

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Moving Force to spring surprise

MANDARIN

MOVING Force can spring a surprise and bring a welcome ray of light to Jack Holt's season by winning the Eric Simms Memorial Handicap at Brighton this afternoon.

The Muscatite gelding was a decent three-year-old last term when trained by Reg Akehurst, winning a 16-runner handicap over Lingfield's extended seven furlongs in October off an official rating of 66.

This season Holt has campaigned Moving Force mainly over shorter trips and he has been regularly outpaced in large handicap fields. As a result, his rating has dropped from 70 at the start of the season to the 47 he races off here.

In addition, the four-year-old has shown distinct signs of a return to form when tried over slightly longer trips on his latest two starts at Lingfield: firstly, when a six-length tenth to Highest Praise in a 17-runner seven-furlong handicap; and more recently when a two-length fifth to Charmed Knave in a fair handicap over an extended seven furlongs last Thursday.

As Moving Force was putting in all his best work at the end of that race, today's extra yardage should prove ideal and he has been dropped another 3lb in the interim.

The three-year-olds at the top of the handicap are likely to provide stern opposition and most danger to my nap may come from Designate, who has shown good form over ten furlongs and is interestingly dropped back to a mile here.

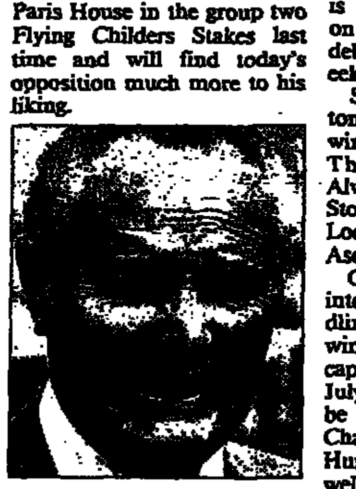
However Designate fares, Luca Cumani and Frankie Dettori should not leave the Sussex course empty-handed as *Top Shiel* has sound claims in the Steine Maiden Guaranteed Sweepstakes.

The Top Ville colt was a fair third to The Feltmaker on only his second run at Sandown last month. That winner was far from disgraced on his next start in listed company at Doncaster while Do The Right Thing, fourth in the Sandown race, gave the form a timely boost when winning by five lengths at Folkestone on Monday.

Reg Akehurst has his string firing on all cylinders at the moment and Raise A Star looks another winner for the Epsom trainer in the Friend-James Memorial Handicap.

Never sighted after a slow start in the 21-runner handicap won by Petavious at Leicester last time, Raise A Star had previously run out a clear-cut winner over today's course and distance.

Richard Hannon looks to have found a perfect opportunity for Power Lake to regain the winning thread in the Race Hill Stakes. The Formidable colt finished a highly creditable second to the speedy Paris House in the group two Flying Childers Stakes last time and will find today's opposition much more to his liking.



Holt: sends well-treated Moving Force to Brighton

Hannon also has a worthy contender for the other two-year-old race, the EBF Kemp Town Maiden Stakes, in Native Chieftain but Three Wells is given marginal preference on the strength of a promising debut fifth to Alnasr Alwasheek at Kempton.

Sharpitor, third at Kempton, franked the form when winning tidily at Beverley on Thursday while Alnasr Alwasheek represents Michael Stoute in the group two Royal Lodge William Hill Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

Over the jumps, I shall be interested in the Ludlow hurdling debut of Vado Via (2.20), winner of a Doncaster handicap for Lynda Ramsden in July, while Persuasive should be fighting fit for the Tony Charlton Memorial Handicap Hurdle at Perth after running well on the Flat at Ayr last week, her first outing under either code for five months.

Hector Protector verdict delayed

A DECISION on Hector Protector's participation in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday has not yet been reached although the colt pleased his trainer, Francois Boutin, in a seven-furlong gallop at Chantilly yesterday.

"He looks well and, personally, I think he is ready to run," Boutin said. "But his owners, Stavros Niarchos and Zenya Yoshida, must agree first."

If Hector Protector does go to Ascot, he will be running for the first time in Yoshida's colours and may be partnered by regular jockey Freddie Head, who is retained by Niarchos but not Yoshida.

Other Ascot news yesterday concerned Surrealist, who will miss the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot tomorrow in favour of the listed Godolphin Stakes at Newmarket next week.

The departure of Surrealist leaves only five other entries for tomorrow's group three race — Rock Hopper, Drum Taps, Azzaam, Hateel and Young Buster — but all are set to run.

Balla Jidaal, Michael Stoute's highly-regarded two-year-old, misses the PCL Japan Society Stakes, formerly the Mornington Stakes, at Ascot on Friday where he would have met Badie.

The Shadeed colt will be aimed instead at next week's Middle Park Stakes, which is also the intended race for Rodrigo De Triano.

Bleasdale to retire

JIMMY Bleasdale, the Yorkshire-based jockey, has been forced to retire from the saddle on medical grounds.

Bleasdale, aged 33, has recently been experiencing blackouts and, following a brain scan, has been advised by Michael Allen, the Jockey Club's medical officer, not to ride again.

His problems are believed to have been caused by head injuries sustained in falls, particularly one at Haydock in 1981 when he hit a concrete post.

Bleasdale, champion apprentice in 1977, has spent his entire career at Spigot Lodge, Middleham, first with Sam Hall and then Chris Thornton.

He has ridden 414 winners and rates his victory on Move Off in the 1977 Ebor as the highlight of his career.

BRIGHTON

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.45 Power Lake.	1.45 Power Lake.	2.45 Guapa.
2.15 Kirby Opportunity.	2.15 Heartburn.	3.45 Native Chieftan.
2.45 MOVING FORCE (nap).	2.45 NAVARESQUE (nap).	
3.15 Barbezieux.	3.15 Martinosky.	
3.45 Three Wells.	3.45 Three Wells.	
4.15 Top Shiel.	4.15 Top Shiel.	
4.45 Raise A Star.	4.45 Raise A Star.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Kirby Opportunity. 2.45 GUAPA (nap). 3.45 Felicidad.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 POWER LAKE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.45 RACE HILL STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,761: 5f 59yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 322102 POWER LAKE 11 (D,F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-7 B Raymond ● 99
2 (5) 31 SHATI 7 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-3 R Hills 98
3 (4) 21 VAILMONT 12 (D,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-12 R Cochrane 89
4 (1) 0 PLAN AHEAD 128 (Panflow (Leasing) Ltd) G Lewis 8-6 Paul Eddery —
5 (3) 423 SAVALARO 119 (BF) (J Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-6 G Baxter 89

BETTING: 4-5 Power Lake, 2-1 Vailmont, 4-1 Shati, 14-1 Plan Ahead, 20-1 Savalaro.

1990: RIO TEJO 8-12 W Ryan (8-4 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

POWER LAKE made all to beat Saddlehome ¾l at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) in July; latest 2½l 2nd to Paris House in the group II Flying Childers stakes over the same course and distance (good to firm). SHATI beat Alphosno 2l at Beverley (5f, firm). VAILMONT beat Halbert 4l at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). PLAN AHEAD 11th of 18 to Musicale at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). SAVALARO 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Monti Beppo over course and distance (firm).
Selection: POWER LAKE (nap)

2.15 WATERHALL SELLING HANDICAP (£2,650: 7f 214yd) (17 runners)

1 (3) 305662 CORAL FLUTTER 11 (B) (Mrs J Payne) J Payne 4-9-10 A Skingle 89
2 (7) 004620 OLD COMRADES 9 (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-9-7 T Rogers 91
3 (16) 004000 DE LA BILLIERE 12 (I Al-Sagar) J Czerpak 3-9-6 R Price (5) 86
4 (14) 003000 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 5 (B,C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 8-9-5 A Tucker (5) 86
5 (13) 002426 SEASIDE MINSTREL 9 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 3-9-5 R Perham (5) 89
6 (1) 035012 IN THE MOOD 9 (D,F) (P Nelson) M Fetherston-Godley 3-9-3 D Harrison (7) 94
7 (5) 613022 KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 7 (C,G) (P Bradley) J Pearce 3-9-3 F Norton (5) 89
8 (8) 000304 KEVINSBELLE 32 (F) (K Moorcroft) I Campbell 3-9-3 M Griffiths (7) 91
9 (17) 000000 KREISCHIM 15 (D Wills) M Madgwick 3-9-3 G Forster (7) 89
10 (11) 0/000/0 NORFOLK THATCH 30 (Mrs M Bridgwater) K Bridgwater 5-9-2 P D'Arcy —
11 (4) 063-006 SOUNDER ROWE 51J (R Orgles) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-2 G Baxter 83
12 (15) 0/00-004 POWER OF PRAYER 9 (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-1 J Reid ● 99
13 (2) 024050 PLEASE PLEASE ME 18 (T Mitchell) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-0 L Dettori 93
14 (6) 000-40 HEARTBURN 44 (L Holliday) J Bethell 3-9-0 A Munro 86
15 (9) 200006 BULLET PROOF 32 (V) (P Howling) P Howling 3-8-12 W Newnes 88
16 (12) 5600-00 MENDIP MIST 8 (B) (Mrs B David) M Pipe 3-8-12 D Holland —
17 (10) 000040 CHESHIRE NELL 44 (K Charlesworth) W Carter 3-8-12 R Cochrane 84

BETTING: 2-1 Kirby Opportunity, 3-1 In The Mood, 13-2 Coral Flutter, 15-2 De La Billiere, Power Of Prayer, 9-1 Old Comrades, 10-1 Please Please Me, 12-1 Seaside Minstrel, 16-1 others.

1990: DIACO 5-10-0 A Munro (9-2 fav) M Jarvis 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORAL FLUTTER 4l 2nd of 20 to Premiere Prince at Goodwood (7f). OLD COMRADES 2nd of 17 to Wileys Folly over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start with SEASIDE MINSTREL (2lb better off) 2l 4th, PLEASE PLEASE ME (7lb better off) ½l 5th and CORAL FLUTTER (4lb better off) 1¾l 6th.
IN THE MOOD 1½l 2nd of 17 to Lady Bunting at Bath (1m, firm) with POWER OF PRAYER (same terms) 4l, OLD COMRADES (same terms) ¾l, SEASIDE MINSTREL (same terms) 1½l 6th and MENDIP MIST (12lb better off) 4½l 10th; previously beat Miss Burfield 2½l at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) with KEVINSBELLE (6lb better off) 1¾l 4th and BULLET PROOF (10lb better off) 1l 6th. KIRBY OPPORTUNITY sh hd 2nd to MCA Below The Line at Yarmouth (7f, firm); previously 5l 2nd to Sholus at Leicester (1m, good to firm) with MENDIP MIST 12th.
Selection: KIRBY OPPORTUNITY

2.45 ERIC SIMMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,435: 7f 214yd) (11 runners)

1 (11) 034235 CONQUISTA 11 (B) (Mrs P Lewis) Lady Herries 3-9-10 J Williams 95
2 (4) 0-14122 GUAPA 11 (D,BF,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-10 Pat Eddery 94
3 (6) 226323 LOKI 30 (B,F) (T Laidlaw) G Lewis 3-9-8 Paul Eddery 94
4 (7) 521020 DESIGNATE 18 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-7 L Dettori 94
5 (9) 010100 AMETHYSTINE 20 (C,D,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-9-3 T Quinn 88
6 (3) 340264 SHAKE TOWN 11 (G Harwood) G Harwood 3-8-9 R Cochrane ● 99
7 (8) 00016 MARZOCCO 81 (C,F) (C Steward) J Ffitch-Heyes 3-8-7 G Baxter 88
8 (10) 166508 AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 15 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Lipman) T Naughton 4-8-7 G Carter 94
9 (1) 160010 NAVARESQUE 28 (CD,F,G) (Mrs D Pickford) R Hodges 6-8-1 W Carson 93
10 (2) 024-044 JUST ONE 221 (BF) (K Styles) M McCormack 3-7-12 J Quinn 87
11 (5) 000005 MOVING FORCE 6 (F,G) (H Frost) L Holt 4-7-10 N Adams 93

BETTING: 3-1 Guapa, 7-2 Designate, 13-2 Loki, Conquista, 8-1 Ain'tlifelikethat, 10-1 Marzocco, 12-1 Shake Town, 14-1 Just One, 20-1 others.

1990: SNO SERENADE 4-9-2 M Roberts (5-2 fav) R Boss 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONQUISTA hd 2nd of 18 to Premier Prince at Salisbury (7f, firm) with SHAKE TOWN (2lb better off) 1½l 7th. GUAPA 1½l 2nd of 10 to Devil's Soul at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) with CONQUISTA (2lb better off) 3¾l 5th; earlier beat LOKI (7lb better off) 1½l at Wolverhampton (1m, good to firm).
LOKI 14l 3rd to Horizon at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). SHAKE TOWN 4¾l 4th of 20 to Premiere Prince at Goodwood (7f, good to firm); previously 2¼l 6th to Charmed Knave here (7f, good to firm) with NAVARESQUE (3lb better off) 8¾l 8th and AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT (1lb better off) 5l 10th. AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 3¾l 3rd to Vuchterbacher at Lingfield (AW, 7f). NAVARESQUE beat Spring High a hd at Folkestone (7f, firm) on penultimate start with AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT (4lb better off) 8¼l 5th. JUST ONE 6l 4th of 7 to Old Speckled Hen at Lingfield (1m).
Selection: GUAPA

3.15 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (£2,301: 5f 59yd) (10 runners)

1 (5) 000830 GALLANT HOPE 9 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 9-10-0 R Price (5) 94
2 (4) 036320 MARTINOSKY 11 (C,D,F) (D Clark) W Wightman 5-9-9 J Williams 88
3 (9) 030006 FRIMLEY PARKSON 7 (V,D,F,G) (P Terry) P Howling 7-9-7 R Perham (5) 97
4 (6) 523445 SAINT SYSTEMS 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-9-5 J Reid 90
5 (10) 205500 RUSHANES 130 (D) (M Mac Carthy) T Casey 4-9-5 A Tucker (5) 82
6 (8) 08530 VERY BOLD 9 (D Newton) P Evans 3-9-2 A Munro 90
7 (7) 440000 BARBEZIEUX 13 (B,D,F,S) (B Walker) T Naughton 4-8-10 G Carter 96
8 (3) 0/30-000 BRIGHT RED 30 (H Candy) H Candy 4-8-9 D Thompson (7) 95
9 (2) 235006 STOCKTINA 13 (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 4-8-3 W Carson 96
10 (1) 204000 ORATEL FLYER 22 (V) (P Hughes Ltd) R Thompson 4-8-1 M Roberts ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Saint Systems, 7-2 Gallant Hope, 6-1 Martinosky, 7-1 Frimley Parkson, 8-1 Stocktina, 10-1 others.

1990: DAMASKEEN 4-8-11 J Williams (14-1) Mrs S Armytage 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

GALLANT HOPE 2¾l 3rd to Bold Habit at Sandown (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with FRIMLEY PARKSON (3lb better off) 3¾l 9th.
MARTINOSKY 3l 2nd to Baligay at Salisbury (5f, firm) on penultimate start with GALLANT HOPE (same terms) 1¼l 8th; previously hd 3rd to Abso here (5f, good) with BARBEZIEUX (3lb better off) a hd 4th and STOCKTINA (8lb better off) 2¼l 5th. VERY BOLD 2¼l 3rd to Samson-Agonistes at Folkestone (5f, firm) on penultimate start with STOCKTINA (4lb better off) 3½l 5th and BARBEZIEUX (3lb better off) 1½l 8th.
Selection: MARTINOSKY

3.45 EBF KEMP TOWN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,184: 6f 209yd) (10 runners)

1 (7) 50 CLIFTON CRUISER 6 (J Mitchell) C Nelson 9-0 J Reid 82
2 (2) 03 CONFRONTER 7 (Y Nasib) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 93
3 (6) FALLING REIGN (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0 A Munro —
4 (10) 6 FELICIDAD 84 (Dr M Bolla) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori —
5 (1) 00500 GROG 20 (BF) (Mrs D Hanson) M Channon 9-0 B Rouse 70
6 (8) HUNT THE SLIPPER (Mrs H Slack) W Jarvis 9-0 W Carson —
7 (3) 06 MURASIL 54 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 85
8 (5) 0042 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 34 (BF) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 M Roberts ● 99
9 (9) 0 PAT'S BOY 28 (Mrs P Best) M McCormack 9-0 W Newnes —
10 (4) 5 THREE WELLS 19 (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-0 Pat Eddery 87

BETTING: 9-4 Native Chieftan, 7-2 Confronter, 4-1 Felicidad, 5-1 Three Wells, Murasil, 10-1 others.

1990: HAJAIM 9-0 M Roberts (13-8) C Brittain 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLIFTON CRUISER 6¾l 5th of 14 to Profusion on Newmarket (7f, good) debut. CONFRONTER 7½l 3rd to Zaahi at Sandown (7f, good to firm).
FALLING REIGN (Foaled Feb 22) half-brother by Dara Monarch to dual 5f winning juvenile Fall In The Blues and fair sprint handicapper Splintering. FELICIDAD 13¾l 6th of 7 to Blue Tiger at Yarmouth (6f, good). GROG 17l 5th to Thourios at Salisbury (7f, good) in July with MURASIL 6l 12th. HUNT THE SLIPPER (Apr 28, cost 128,000gns) half-brother by Fools Holme to 1m 2f-1m 3f winner Hintlesham Harry. MURASIL, half-brother Committed, 8l 6th of 10 to Mougins at Goodwood (7f, good). NATIVE CHIEFTAN 1¾l 2nd to White Blade at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). THREE WELLS 8l 5th of 11 to Alnasr Alwasheek at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: CONFRONTER

4.15 STEINE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,001: 1m 1f 209yd) (8 runners)

1 (8) 00 CAHELIA 112 (J Smith) M Madgwick 9-0 — —
2 (7) 0-6 DANCING PADDY 65 (Bychance Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 G Forster (7) —
3 (1) 330262 NORTHERN TRIAL 28 (R Morris) C Nelson 9-0 J Reid 98
4 (4) 2634 SIR BEDIVERE 9 (B) (Lord White of Hull) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 98
5 (2) 053434 TOP SHEREEK 35 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 Paul Eddery 98
6 (3) 53 TOP SHIEL 25 (BF) (I Goldsmith) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori ● 99
7 (6) 23-4 MISSED AGAIN 108 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson 95
8 (5) 5060-00 NOUSHY 18 (Mrs W Gerhauser) C Brittain 8-9 M Roberts 85

BETTING: 13-8 Top Shiel, 2-1 Missed Again, 6-1 Northern Trail, 8-1 Top Shereek, 12-1 others.

1990: NARWALA 9-1 L Dettori - L Cumani - walked over

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN TRIAL 4l 2nd to Red Sondu over course and distance (good to firm); previously 6¾l last of 6 to Radical Chic at Ascot (1m 2f, good).
SIR BEDIVERE 20l 4th to Ambassador Royale at Bath (1m 2f, firm); previously 8¼l 3rd to Camarat at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm). TOP SHEREEK 4l 4th to Laomi at Yarmouth (1m, firm); previously 6l 3rd to Jazilah at Thirsk (1m, firm). TOP SHIEL 6l 3rd to The Feltmaker at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). MISSED AGAIN 4l 4th to Wild And Loose at Salisbury (1m, good) in June; earlier 4¾l 3rd to Jaffa Line at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). NOUSHY 12l 7th of 9 to Sharpthorne at Kempton (6f, good).
Selection: MISSED AGAIN

4.45 FRIEND-JAMES MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,447: 1m 3f 196yd) (8 runners)

1 (2) 003345 BANKROLL 28 (CD,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-10 A Morris 90
2 (5) 000100 J BRAND 15 (B,D,F,G) (Lowe and Oliver Ltd) P Cole 4-9-8 T Quinn 84
3 (1) 220044 TIGER CLAW 48 (CD,BF,F) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 5-9-7 W Carson 87
4 (6) 510510 RAISE A STAR 15 (CD,BF,F) (R Styles) R Akehurst 6-8-13 J Reid 88
5 (3) 000-016 WAR BEAT 23 (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-8-10 M Roberts 82
6 (7) 003421 GREENWICH BAMBI 9 (G) (J Humphreys Ltd) W Carter 3-8-4 (4ex) R Cochrane ● 99
7 (8) 660420 BRUNSWICK BLUE 15 (B) (Miss V Markowiak) J Sutcliffe 3-7-13 T Williams 87
8 (4) 000-000 KINDLY LADY 26 (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-7 N Adams —

BETTING: 9-4 Tiger Claw, 7-2 Greenwich Bambi, 4-1 Raise A Star, 8-1 War Beat, 10-1 Bankroll, 12-1 others.

1990: CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 5-9-3 R Cochrane (10-1) J Eustace 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANKROLL 3l 3rd to Punch The Air at Yarmouth (1m 6f, firm) on penultimate start. J BRAND made all to beat Vintage neck at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm) in August. TIGER CLAW 1½l 4th of 19 to Longshoreman over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. RAISE A STAR beat Smartie Lee 1½l over course and distance (firm) on penultimate start with BANKROLL (4lb better off) 8½l 5th. WAR BEAT 6¾l 8th of 17 to Punch The Air at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm).
GREENWICH BAMBI beat Copper Burn 4l in Leicester (1m 2f, good) seller; previously 3l 2nd to Moreirwen over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: GREENWICH BAMBI

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	20	41	48.8	D Holland	6	21	28.6
G Harwood	28	75	37.3	L Dettori	14	51	27.5
H Thomson Jones	11	39	28.2	M Roberts	23	94	24.5
W Hern	5	18	27.8	W Carson	40	191	20.9
R Houghton	5	20	25.0	R Hills	11	60	18.3
M Jarvis	7	39	17.9	Pat Eddery	22	126	17.5

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

1.30 Sporting Idol. 2.05 Windatum. 2.35 Welsh Siren. 3.05 Geostar. 3.35 Heir Of Excitement. 4.05 Le Grand Maitre.

THUNDERER

1.30 Hiram B Birdbath. 2.05 Pushy Lover. 2.35 Welsh Siren. 3.05 Simple Pleasure. 3.35 Maple Dancer. 4.05 Le Grand Maitre.

GOING: STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER); GOOD TO FIRM (TURF)

1.30 BLIDWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,596: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 -211 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 11 (B,CD,F) J Glover 5-12-0 S D Williams (7)
2 P4-2 MUBAARIS 5F (C,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-11-0 R Guest
3 3/1 SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 30 (V,C,D,F,G,S) J Bottomley 7-10-7 J J Quinn
4 0-31 SPORTING IDOL 25 (D,F) K Burke 5-10-4 J Railton
5 23F- ENCHANTED MAN 172 (H,C,D,F,S) D Burchell 7-10-0 D J Burchell (7)
6 486/ GLO NOBLE 998 C Beever 7-10-0 Mr A Hambly
7 00-3 SOME SPARE 30 C Jones 12-10-0 M Jones (3)

15-8 Sporting Idol, 4-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 9-2 Hiram B Birdbath, 11-2 Enchanted Man, 8-1 Mubaaris, 16-1 others.

2.05 MANSFIELD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,483: 2m 2f) (12)

1 20-2 MUIRFIELD VILLAGE 18 (D,G) S Dow 5-12-0 A Dicken (7)
2 6-62 HA'PENNY NAP 39 (CD,BF,F,G,S) C Beever 13-11-8 W Marston (7)
3 213- WINDATUM 202 (C) Mrs N Macauley 8-11-6 S Wynne (7)
4 P-44 BELFORT PRINCE 30 (BF,F,G) G Moore 4-11-4 J Callaghan (3)
5 14/0 JORGE MIGUEL 30 (G,S) B McMath 12-10-13 —
6 06/3 YUVRAJ 15F (B) B McMath 7-10-9 A Carroll
7 5442 HILL BEAGLE 6 (C,F,S) W Clay 11-10-6 J Driscoll (7)
8 306/ BLUE DISC 11F (F) D Haydn Jones 6-10-3 D Tegg
9 000- RARE LAD 217 (B) N Miller 7-10-0 J Supple (7)
10 5-54 EVENING SUNSET 30 (B) Miss G Rees 5-10-0 W Worthington
11 F-34 PUSHY LOVER 7 (B,F) W G M Turner 4-10-0 Dale McKeown
12 PP-F VITAL WITNESS 9 D O'Brien 6-10-0 Leesa Long (7)

3-1 Hill Beagle, 9-2 Belfort Prince, 11-2 Windatum, Yuvraj, 6-1 Muirfield Village, 12-1 Evening Sunset, 16-1 Pushy Lover, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; G M Moore, 4 from 14, 28.6%; D Burchell, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Mackie, 3 from 21, 14.3%; K C Bailey, 4 from 30, 13.3%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 6 winners from 23 rides, 26.1%; S Smith Eccles, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J Osborne, 7 from 35, 20.0%; L Wyer, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Tegg, 3 from 27, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers).

2.35 TUXFORD NOVICES HURDLE (All-weather: £1,577: 2m) (12)

1 211 WELSH SIREN 29 (D,F) K Bailey 5-11-9 A Tory
2 P5/P- BLUE LYRIC 30 C Jones 9-11-0 Martin Jones (3)
3 F DR BULASCO 30 (BF) D Murray Smith 7-11-0 —
4 5F-2 VITE VITE 30 R Spicer 5-11-0 Dale McKeown
5 0 CITRUS KING 11 J Banks 4-10-12 S Smith Eccles
6 GREY AREA 42F Mrs N Macauley 4-10-12 S Wynne (7)
7 PB- PENNYS GIFT 315 D O'Brien 4-10-12 Leesa Long (7)
8 0P- ROUSKI 177 Granville Richards 4-10-12 D Tegg
9 ALLEZ-OOPS 4F A Smith 4-10-7 S Turner (7)
10 0 LADY KATE 32 M Chapman 4-10-7 W Worthington
11 QUALITAIR BLAZER 67F J Jenkins 4-10-7 R Dunwoody
12 TEMPER TEMPER 433F B Rothwell 4-10-7 L Wyer

9-4 Dr Bulasco, 5-2 Welsh Siren, 11-2 Vite Vite, 8-1 Citrus King, 10-1 Qualitair Blazer, 16-1 Blue Lyric, Grey Area, 20-1 others.

3.05 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £2,163: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 4FP- GEOSTAR 172 (C,D,F,G) J Leigh 7-12-0 J Kavanagh
2 224/ SHOULD NEVER BE 861 (D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 10-11-7 A Wingate (5)
3 P5-5 ANOTHER CORNER 5 (B,D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 8-11-2 A Maguire
4 11-2 SIMPLE PLEASURE 14 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 6-10-12 J Callaghan
5 0P3- WISE CRACKER 121 (B,CD,F,G,S) B Richmond 10-10-0 Martin Jones

11-8 Simple Pleasure, 11-4 Geostar, 4-1 Wise Cracker, 7-1 Should Never Be, 10-1 Another Corner.

3.35 HOLLY NOVICES CHASE (Turf: £1,938: 2m) (8)

1 FP-2 COUNTERPUNCH 20 (D) K Bailey 7-10-12 A Tory
2 42-5 COUTURE TIGHTS 6 J Mackie 6-10-12 S J O'Neill
3 04-3 HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 14F (G) A Stringer 8-10-12 G Bradley
4 -542 STRANGELY QUIET 5 (B,F) T Donnelly 9-10-12 A Maguire (5)
5 /50- TENOFUS 126 C Broad 6-10-12 Martin Jones (3)
6 30-6 TRIVET 27 (D,F) P Bevan 8-10-12 C Llewellyn
7 20-3 HIGHFIELD PRINCE 8 (D,F,G) R O'Leary 5-10-10 L Wyer
8 6-45 MAPLE DANCER 29 (B,D,F,S) O Sherwood 5-10-10 J Osborne

4-1 Maple Dancer, 9-2 Highfield Prince, 5-1 Heir Of Excitement, 6-1 Counterpunch, 7-1 Couture Tights, 10-1 others.

4.05 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £2,325: 3m 100yd) (8)

1 66-P RAMBLING ECHO 11 (D,G) R Dickin 10-11-10 S Earle
2 322- LE GRAND MAITRE 205 (D,F,G,S) Graeme Roe 10-11-9 R Dunwoody
3 U-21 SHEPHERD'S HYMN 19 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 10-11-4 L Wyer
4 543- ACERTAINHIT 134 S Bowring 7-11-3 J Osborne
5 .06F6 DOORWAY 36 C Smith 8-11-2 Mr M Ranger (7)
6 5-44 ROY PRINCE 6 (F) W Clay 8-10-11 —
7 /5-4 CABINET MEETING 25 (G) J Thomas 10-10-10 D Tegg
8 55-4 AH HELLO 44 (F) J Bostock 10-10-8 J Twomey (7)

5-4 Le Grand Maitre, 9-2 Shepherd's Hymn, 6-1 Acertainhit, 8-1 Ah Hello, 10-1 Roy Prince, 12-1 Rambling Echo, 16-1 others.

LUDLOW

MANDARIN

2.20 Vado Via. 2.50 They All Forgot Me. 3.20 Brave Setanta. 3.50 Dancing Eyes. 4.20 Market Leader. 4.50 First Stage.

THUNDERER

2.20 Station Express. 2.50 They All Forgot Me. 3.20 Brave Setanta. 3.50 Dancing Eyes. 4.20 Market Leader. 4.50 First Stage.

GOING: HARD

2.20 BBC HEREFORD AND WORCESTER CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (6 runners)

1 VADO VIA 9F D Wintle 11-2 P McDermott
2 STATION EXPRESS 2F R Hollinshead 10-11 Gary Lyons
3 333 SUPER MALT 21 Miss K Allison 10-8 B Powell
4 MIDAS BLUE 82F L Barratt 10-6 T Wall
5 P0 TOMMY TARMAC 11F (B) M Pipe 10-5 D Richmond (7)
6 LA PEREET 9F C Allen 10-4 J Ryan (5)

11-4 Super Malt, 3-1 Tommy Tarmac, 4-1 Station Express, 8-1 Vado Via, 8-1 Midas Blue, 10-1 La Pereet.

2.50 RADNOR NOVICES CHASE (£2,162: 2m 4f) (3)

1 2243 CASINO MAGIC 5 J Spearing 7-11-9 A Webb
2 P// LITTLECOTE LAD 971 N Thomson 8-11-9 J Neaves (7)
3 -312 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 9 (BF,F,G) T Casey 4-10-13 M Lynch

1-3 They All Forgot Me, 11-4 Casino Magic, 10-1 Littlecote Lad.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Wonnacott, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; M C Pipe, 21 from 74, 28.4%; R Lee, 9 from 48, 18.8%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: M Bowlby, 6 winners from 17 rides, 35.3%; B Powell, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Lodder, W McFarland, 6 from 48, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers).

3.20 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,232: 3m 1f) (4)

1 -211 BRAVE SETANTA 12 (D,F) F O'Mahony 6-12-0 Mr K Comerford (7)
2 -531 CAROGROVE 9 (F) J O'Shea 8-10-12 J Shortt
3 /8R- LYNWOOD LAD 168 G Price 10-10-0 I Lawrence
4 4-30 BENOIT 20 (F) N Thomson 6-10-0 J Neaves (7)

Evens Brave Setanta, 9-4 Carogrove, 3-1 Benoit, 8-1 Lynwood Lad.

3.50 BRIDGNORTH NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,377: 2m 5f) (5)

1 0 MICRONOVA 11 (B) E Wheeler 5-11-2 M Bowlby
2 P20- AMAZAKE 16F (B) B Cambidge 4-11-0 Mr J Cambidge
3 P-25 DANCING EYES 6 (BF) M Pipe 8-10-11 D Richmond (7)
4 P536 ONENINEFIVE 7 (V) G Ham 5-10-11 B Powell
5 0-00 CLAYSUUMAR 19 Miss C Caroe 4-10-9 A Stanford

8-11 Dancing Eyes, 3-1 Amazake, 6-1 Oneninefive 12-1 Micronova, 16-1 Claysuumar.

4.20 INVERSHIN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,880: 2m) (3)

1 -212 MARKET LEADER 25 (CD,BF,F,G) R Lee 11-12-0 J Shortt
2 102- CHAIN SHOT 142 (CD,F) J Peacock 6-11-4 D Bridgwater (3)
3 -333 RONOCCO 28 (D,F) Mrs S Williams 9-10-3 —

1-2 Market Leader, 7-2 Chain Shot, 4-1 Ronocco.

4.50 LUDFORD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,305: 2m) (4)

1 3-11 FIRST STAGE 39 (F) J O'Shea 4-11-5 D Byrne
2 00F- OUR BILLY BOY 134 Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-0 S Donohoe (5)
3 0P-F WILLOW BLUE 4 T McGovern 4-10-12 W McFarland
4 032U JUST A WONDER 11 (V) S Christian 7-10-9 R Beggan

8-11 First Stage, 3-1 Just A Wonder, 4-1 Our Billy Boy, 8-1 Willow Blue.

PERTH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Linn Falls.	2.00 Linn Falls.	3.30 KIRSTY'S BOY (nap).
2.30 Arpal Forever.	2.30 Zam's Slave.	
3.00 Persuasive.	3.00 Sure Metal.	
3.30 Fighting Jessica.	3.30 Kirsty's Boy.	
4.00 Tenter Close.	4.00 Tenter Close.	
4.30 Midland Express.	4.30 Island Jetsetter.	
5.00 Crystal Cone.	5.00 Crystal Cone.	

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

2.00 COLONEL JOHN MCKIE NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,898: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 60PUFP- BEYOND SUSPICION 140 (W Hockenhull) D McCain 7-11-7 D McCain (7) —
2 0- IRISH GENT 151 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-7 A Thornton (7) —
3 0P/05/5- MARCOMTE 257 (Mrs M Lamb) R Lamb 8-11-7 Miss S Lamb (7) —
4 4/1/155- PRINCE METTERNICH 305 (C,F,G,S) (J Eddell) M Hammond 10-11-7 S Lyons (7) —
5 035-4 RAITH HOMES 40 (Raith Property Co Ltd) G Richards 5-11-7 J Murphy (7) —
6 /06P3P- TRUE FAIR 151 (G White) R Lamb 8-11-7 G White (7) —
7 00063/5- WOLVER GEM 365 (K Linton) K Linton 5-11-7 Miss M Linton (7) —
8 0- CLARES HORSE 182 (J Upson) J Upson 4-11-5 T Byrne (7) —
9 0520-24 KEY DEAR 14 (BF) (A Gibb) Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-5 J Bradburne (5) —
10 P/002P/ COUNTESS CROSSETT 595 (E Caine) E Caine 9-11-2 J Beardsall (7) —
11 /000/4-P DROVERS ROAD 30 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 10-11-2 T Waggott (7) —
12 300/P2- LINN FALLS 193 (Mrs V Gilmour) G Richards 6-11-2 R Hale (7) —
13 0P- SLIM ARTISTE 142 (Lady Renwick) G Coatsworth 5-11-2 N Hargreave (7) —

BETTING: 3-1 Key Dear, 100-30 Linn Falls, 9-2 Raith Homes, 13-2 True Fair, 12-1 Irish Gent, 16-1 Clares Horse, Prince Metternich, 20-1 others.

1990: SURE METAL 168 (F,G,S) 7-11-0 D McCain (6-5 fav) D McCain 9 ran

2.30 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,582: 2m) (3 runners)

1 565/3F3- ARPAL FOREVER 204 (G Adam) R Allan 7-11-0 B Storey —
2 P600P-P CROSSETT CRUISADER 18 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 11-11-0 Mr J Beardsall —
3 5P41-32 ZAM'S SLAVE 14 (BF,F) (W Wylie) J Charlton 6-10-9 Miss P Robson (7) —

BETTING: 4-6 Arpal Forever, 5-4 Zam's Slave, 12-1 Crossett Cruisader.

1990: POTATO PICKER 9-11-0 P Niven (5-1) B McLean 3 ran

3.00 TONY CHARLTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m) (7 runners)

1 08PP14- SURE METAL (CD) (Nolan Hardman & Partners Ltd) D McCain 8-11-10 Mr D McCain (7) —
2 251P42- SRIVIJAYA 65F (D,F) (K Holder) Mrs J Jordan 4-11-6 D Morris —
3 082011- BELDINE 133 (CD,F,G,S) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 6-11-2 L O'Hara —
4 5530/42- TAYLORMADE BOY 121 (D,G,S) (B Robson) Denys Smith 8-10-13 C Grant —
5 1/222-3 NATIVE KNIGHT 14 (D,F) (Mrs M Robertson) V Thompson 6-10-10 R Garritty —
6 51P205- PERSUASIVE 7F (D,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 4-10-8 M Dwyer —
7 110400- ANTIGUAN SMILE 155 (D,F,G) (D Lennon) B Wilkinson 8-10-3 P Niven —

BETTING: 5-2 Persuasive, 7-2 Antiguan Smile, 5-1 Beldine, 11-2 Taylormade Boy, 13-2 Srivijaya, 8-1 Sure Metal, 12-1 Native Knights.

1990: BOKARO 4-11-12 P Scudamore (11-10 fav) C Brooks 9 ran

3.30 AVEBE SILVER JUBILEE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,737: 3m) (6 runners)

1 1-21U11 CLEVER FOLLY 6 (F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 11-12-2 (2ex) N Doughty —
2 1242P5- TACTICO 155 (B,C,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 9-12-0 M Dwyer —
3 22111-1 KIRSTY'S BOY 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs K McClelland) Miss L Perratt 8-11-11 G McCourt —
4 U8SU2-3 FIGHTING JESSICA 32 (D,G) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 6-10-8 R Supple —
5 3215F1- OVER THE DEEL 148 (D,F,G) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-10-3 C Grant —
6 21134P- MAJIC RAIN 177 (D,G) (North East Racing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 6-10-0 A Merrigan —

Long handicap: Majic Rain 9-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Clever Folly, 7-2 Over The Deel, 9-2 Fighting Jessica, 11-2 Majic Rain, 6-1 Kirsty's Boy, 12-1 Tactico.

1990: GLASS MOUNTAIN 8-11-10 M Dwyer (6-1) G Moore 9 ran

4.00 DUNCRUB NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,758: 3m) (7 runners)

1 024-523 BLUEBELL TRACK 8 (B) (Mrs P O'Rorke) V Thompson 5-11-5 Mr S Lyons (7) —
2 6PU/112 TENTER CLOSE 30 (C,BF,F) (N Smith) M Hammond 5-11-4 P Niven —
3 300200- QUE BELLA 256 (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) J Charlton 5-11-1 B Storey —
4 2U5P0-2 BACK BEFORE DARK 40 (S) (J Pirie) P Monteith 7-11-0 L O'Hara —
5 400440- ECHO ONE 217 (O Watson Wilson) S Kettlewell 5-11-0 R Garritty —
6 6506-03 YOUNG MURPHY 23 (T Lapping) G Coatsworth 9-10-12 A Merrigan —
7 PP006/0 CRESTINA CROSSETT 18 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 9-10-2 B Dalton (7) —

BETTING: 4-5 Tenter Close, 9-2 Back Before Dark, 7-1 Bluebell Track, 8-1 Echo One, 20-1 others

1990: TRANQUIL WATERS 4-11-7 G McCourt (11-8 fav) N Tinkler 8 ran

4.30 HIGHLAND CONFECTIONERY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,810: 2m) (4 runners)

1 1211-12 ISLAND JETSETTER 39 (CD,BF,F,G) (N Wilby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10 M Dwyer —
2 F412-3U SONSIE MO 14 (D,BF,F,G) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-1 Mr J Bradburne —
3 0/F13F2- MIDLAND EXPRESS 309 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Modeley) Denys Smith 8-11-0 P Niven —
4 04242U- CLARES OWN 154 (F) (J Wade) J Wade 7-10-6 K Jones —

BETTING: 7-4 Island Jetsetter, 9-4 Midland Express, 3-1 Clares Own, 4-1 Sonsie Mo.

1990: PURA MONEY 8-10-3 L O'Hara (2-1) G Richards 4 ran

5.00 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,842: 1m 5f) (16 runners)

1 BROOKLYN GREY (J Blythe) F Watson 5-11-2 A Lamach (7) —
2 CRYSTAL CONE (A Palk) P Hobbs 5-11-2 B Clifford (7) —
3 MAXTON (M Boyd) R Allan 5-11-2 Mr N Wilson (7) —
4 MISTER HOCHBERG (Halewood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 5-11-2 Mr D McCain (7) —
5 STRONG CHARACTER (R Lamb) R Lamb 5-11-2 N Smith (5) —
6 0- THISTLEHOLM 240 (W Nelson) W Nelson 5-11-2 W Dwan (7) —
7 60- TIMURS LUCK 165 (S Street) T Caldwell 5-11-2 R Hodge (7) —
8 CARRIGANORE (J Wade) J Wade 4-11-0 D Crossman (7) —
9 SPACE CAPTAIN (E Atkinson) G Moore 4-11-0 N Bentley (7) —
10 STEF THE GREEK (S Stefanou) M Hammond 4-11-0 D Bentley (7) —
11 TRUE DILEMMA (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 4-11-0 Mr R Hale (7) —
12 00- DREAM DELIGHT 201 (C Fawcett) C Parker 5-10-11 Mr D Parker (7) —
13 TEESWAY (M Hetherington (Packaging) Ltd) F Watson 5-10-11 Mr S Lyons (7) —
14 EASBY MANDRINA (A Williams) S Kettlewell 4-10-9 F Murtagh (7) —
15 JUST EVE (M Steele) J Charlton 4-10-9 Mr R Davis (7) —
16 SMART IN SABLE (W Stevenson-Taylor) G Richards 4-10-9 D Barry (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 True Dilemma, 100-30 Crystal Cone, 5-1 Space Captain, 8-1 Smart In Sable, 12-1 others.

1990: WIBBLE-WABBLE 4-10-7 F Murtagh (9-4) C Thornton 12 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Miss L Perratt	3	4	75.0	G McCourt	12	27	44.4
Jimmy Fitzgerald	4	13	30.8	R Hodge	4	15	26.7
G Moore	16	57	28.1	M Dwyer	17	68	25.0
P Hobbs	4	19	21.1	P Niven	16	72	22.2
M Hammond	4	20	20.0	C Grant	20	97	20.6
W A Stephenson	20	103	19.4	N Doughty	15	75	20.0

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

☐ Room With A View (4-1) was a fifth consecutive winning nap for Mandarin (Michael Phillips) at Nottingham yesterday.

Kempton Park

Going: good to soft

2.15 (6f) 1, ENAYA (W Carson, 11-2); 2, Petite Sonnerie (T Quinn, 9-2 fav); 3, Laundry Maid (W Newnes, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mainly Me (6th), Abbey Strand, 10 Gold Jubilee (5th), Roberto's Gal (4th), 12 Bear With Me, 14 Saruk, 20 Persian Song, Mabonne, Never Doubt, 33 Casual Fling, Jucea, Cashmiriana, Ghurrah, Tamasha. 17 ran. 7l, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, 2l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £4.00, £2.00, £5.20. DF: £22.40. CSF: £29.28. 1min 18.01sec.

2.45 (1m 6f) 1, STAR PLAYER (R Cochrane, 12-1); 2, Farat (Pat Eddery, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Jinga (T Quinn, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Goin And Growin (4th), 8 Native Magic, Sailor Boy (6th), 9 Master Foodbroker, 10 Rosgill, Al Shaqrah, 16 Springs Welcome (5th), 20 Keltie, 25 High Beacon, 33 Folk Dance, 50 Buonarroti. 14 ran. Nk, nk, 5l, nk, 3½l. J Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £13.00; £3.70, £2.60, £2.80. DF: £36.20. CSF: £61.35. Tricast: £522.57. No official time.

3.15 (1m) 1, RISHA FLOWER (Pat Eddery, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Veriga (G Hind, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, White Witch (W Carson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Singing Nelly (6th), 12 Contessa (4th), Kalemis, 16 Pipe Opener, 20 Perfidy, Zarissa (5th), 33 Hymne D'Amour, Zandora. 11 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, 8l, ¾l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £6.00. CSF: £8.68. No official time. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.45 (7f) 1, SKIPPER TO BILGE (W Carson, 11-1); 2, Petticoat Power (N Howe, 15-2); 3, Threshfield (L Piggott, 9-2 fav); 4, Western Wolf (S Whitworth, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Cee-En-Cee, 8 Sealand (5th), 11 La Belle Vie, 12 Sporting Simon, Looting, 14 Aitch N'Bee (6th), Kimberley Park, Anatroccolo, 20 Bernstein Bette, 25 In A Whirl, 33 Don't Give Up, Katha Choice, 50 Clear Comedy. 17 ran. NR: Profit A Prendre. Nk, hd, 1½l, hd, nk. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £15.20; £3.40, £1.70, £2.50, £4.60. DF: £92.80. CSF: £90.34. Tricast: £401.65. No official time.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, TARA'S DELIGHT (A Tucker, 8-1); 2, Statajack (J Williams, 9-1); 3, Koracle Bay (T Wilson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Thunder Bug (5th), 7 Di Stefano, 8 Mahong (6th), Fluidity (4th), 11 Slick Cherry, 14 Dumeltor, Absolutely Right, 16 Beau Dada, 20 Final Ace, 25 Chew It Over, Lady Lacey, Milly Black, 50 Monte Bre, Priscillian, Aristocratic Peter, Night Transaction, No Comebacks. 20 ran. ½l, 1½l, sh hd, 2l, ¾l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £3.10, £5.60, £1.90. DF: £43.30. CSF: £79.20. No official time.

4.45 (1m) SHREWD PARTNER (J Williams, 5-2 fav); 2, Al Ramis (G Crealock, 14-1); 3, Erlemo (B Rouse, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Wrets, 7 Last Conquest, 8 Nessebar, South Sea, 10 Sir Vidar (4th), 12 Public Appeal (5th), Yenoora, 14 Mystery Lad, 20 Pisone Galo, Paper Knife (6th), Classical Charmer. 14 ran. NR: Lucky Lindy, Master Reach. 1½l, ¾l, 5l, hd, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £7.40, £12.80. DF: £53.50. CSF: £37.61. No official time.

Placepot: £91.50.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 54yd) 1, LADY OF SARDINIA (A Cruz, 8-1); 2, Up The Punjab (G Carter, 11-10 fav); 3, Victor Romeo (D Nicholls, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Askelon (5th), Hasty Shuffle, 14 Dara Melody (4th), Dream Island, 16 So Beguiling, 20 Honey Vision, 25 Flash Bid, Tompkins Reef, 33 Magnetic Prince, Wilmotts (6th), Lady Randolph, Lusbelly, What's She Like, 50 Pre Paint, Robsted, Offspring. 19 ran. NR: Resa Girl. 6l, 2l, 1½l, 3l, 1½l. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £16.20; £8.00, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £11.70. CSF: £18.76. Bought in 7,500 gns.

2.30 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, SATIN LOVER (F Norton, 8-1); 2, Link Market (G Carter, 7-1); 3, Wings Of Freedom (K Darley, 10-1); 4, Dodger Dickins (N Carlisle, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Princess Moodyshoe (5th), 9-2 Merton Mill, 10 Antico Nativo, 12 Searching Star, Media Star, 14 Shentit (6th), Wotamona, 20 TV Pitch, In The Frame, Nan's Boy, 25 Pinial, Trojan Envoy. 16 ran. NR: Welshman. 10l, 1½l, 3½l, nk, ¾l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £9.80; £2.30, £1.30, £4.00, £1.80. DF: £202.70. CSF: £69.90. Tricast: £548.35.

3.00 (1m 54yd) 1, KEEP IN MIND (J Reid, 7-1); 2, Ameer Delham (S Cauthen, 9-1); 3, Don't Leave Me (Paul Eddery, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Wise Move, 5 Rosa Why (6th), 11-2 Providence (4th), 8 Star Of Albion, 12 Cool Society, Regal Passion, 16 Benefact, Copy Lane (5th), 20 Elsharh, Eriny, 25 Apple, 33 Salmon Dancer. 15 ran. NR: Dancing Beau, Mrs Norman. Sh hd, 2½l, ¾l, hd, 1½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £8.50; £2.40, £3.30, £4.10. DF: £32.10. CSF: £73.59. Tricast: £469.39.

3.30 (6f 15yd) 1, ROOM WITH A VIEW (A Culhane, 4-1; Mandarin's nap); 2, Fen Dance (J Reid, 7-1); 3, Yatoo (R Perham, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Nimble Deer, 8 Lord Neptune (6th), 12 Nobby Barnes, 14 Super Summit, Digger Doyle, 16 Sovereign Rock, Sea Cloud, 20 Al Earz (5th), Peerage Prince (4th), Hemsworth Lad, Roaring Breeze, 25 Virginia Dancer, Penny Drops, Easily Led, 33 Rasco, Beam Me Up Scotty, Grand Fellow, Entitlement, Washington Red, Safari Park. 23 ran. Nk, 4l, 1l, 1l, 1½l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £5.40; £2.50, £2.00, £5.60. DF: £10.50. CSF: £38.59.

4.00 (6f 15yd) 1, DESERT DITTY (R Perham, 6-4 fav); 2, Goldvein (D Nicholls, 25-1); 3, Granbera (D Holland, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Sir Tasker, Reina, 10 Prima Aurora, 12 Able Princess, 14 One Dollar More, All The Jolly, 16 Breakfast Ride, 20 Penando, Set Up (6th), Drummer's Dream (4th), 25 Miss Brightside (5th), 33 Brookside Rose, Deva's Gem, Lime Street Lil. 17 ran. ½l, 2l, 4l, 3½l, 1½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £28.80, £2.00. DF: £201.20. CSF: £45.41.

4.30 (6f 15yd) 1, DANCING BOY (S Cauthen, 5-2); 2, Orthorhombus (Paul Eddery, 2-1 fav); 3, Tenacity (J Carroll, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Wave Hill, 6 Fit On Time (4th), 25 Barmbrack, Scorton. 7 ran. 5l, 1½l, nk, ½l, 12l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.80; £2.60, £1.90. DF: £5.90. CSF: £7.74.

5.00 (6f 15yd) 1, GOLDEN CAP (Paul Eddery, 8-1 fav); 2, Long Lane Lady (A Proud, 14-1); 3, Par De Luxe (Dean McKeown, 16-1); 4, Domiana (F Norton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Dominie Star, Silks Princess, Lambada Girl, Foxes Diamond, Red Poppy, 12 Merryhill Maid, 14 Gabibti, Hallowed Ground, Miss Knight (5th), 16 Misdemeanours Girl, Litmore Dancer, Mossy Rose, Come On My Girl, The Marshalls Lady, Mimining (6th), Sally Saad, 20 Supreme Desire, Tippling, 33 Pamlanbe, C'Est Moi. 24 ran. NR: Castle Cary, Harry's Joy. 5l, ½l, ¾l, 1l, nk. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £10.50; £1.90, £4.00, £4.80, £8.40. DF: £46.10. CSF: £142.17. Tricast: £1908.97. Domiana finished third but after a stewards' enquiry was placed fourth.

Placepot: £216.30.

☐ Mujtahid, last year's top-rated English two-year-old, has been retired to stud. Robert Armstrong's colt has recovered from a cannon-bone fracture, sustained at the end of last year, but has failed to recapture his sparkle on the gallops. The son of Woodman is to stand at Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Derrinstown Stud in Ireland.

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Helmick investigation tarnishes Olympic rings

Helmick: faces discipline

By David Miller

THE commission of enquiry appointed last week by the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to investigate consultancy payments to Robert Helmick, the president of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), holds the first of several meetings this week. The reputation of the IOC, as well as that of Helmick, rests on the commission's findings.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC, stated last week that he had never faced a controversy as serious as this in 25 years. It is particularly significant because of Helmick's involvement as a senior American official in the centenary Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996.

Whatever the commission's report to the executive board — of which Helmick is at present himself a member — the admission of consultancy fees in excess of $250,000 received on Olympic-related matters must disqualify him if nothing else as a potential successor to Samaranch, whose term of office ends in 1993. Samaranch may seek re-election for another four years.

"Robert can no longer imagine he's going to be the next president, something he certainly thought possible," Anita DeFrantz, the second American member of the IOC, said at the weekend. "Every IOC member has the same portfolio when they join: the business of earning the respect of their colleagues. This [revelation] will certainly wound Helmick."

Having admitted payments, in American media interviews, Helmick requested the executive board meeting in Berlin to await an investigation by the USOC. Helmick resigned from the USOC presidency the next day. The IOC, meanwhile, decided to hold its own enquiry.

The commission consists of three lawyers: Keba M'Baye, a recently-retired judge of the International Court at The Hague and IOC member for Senegal; Mark Hodler, member for Switzerland and chairman of the International Ski Federation; and François Carrard, general director of the IOC.

There is no precedent for a member to be suspended or expelled on disciplinary grounds, but such a possibility must exist. Helmick has broken no law, but the multiple breaches of ethics, the failure to disclose interests to his Olympic colleagues on both the USOC and IOC, must make his continuation with the IOC most doubtful.

Whether deliberate or careless, Helmick's failure to disclose interests is damaging to the IOC's position as trustees of the Olympic Games, the world's most illustrious sports competition. It is, moreover, personally damaging to Samaranch, who pressed for Helmick's election to the executive board because of his importance in the United States. With the IOC's reputation already questioned for its perceived commercialism, Helmick's behaviour is the more unfortunate.

The most damaging of his financial allegiances has been with Turner Broadcasting, sponsor of the Goodwill Games.

Helmick, as USOC president, was the intermediary between Turner Broadcasting and the IOC in the launching of a potentially rival event.

For Helmick to be a paid consultant for one party — especially the rival to an organisation to which he was democratically elected as an honorary official — is unacceptable.

So, too, were payments received from American organisations interested in gaining Olympic recognition for golf and tenpin bowling. Such organisations were purchasing a special insight into Olympic affairs. An IOC member should not sell such insight.

Kevan Gosper, of Australia, an IOC vice-president, said yesterday: "This incident gives a strong signal to others.

"The Olympic movement is now a highly professional environment. Rightly so. Irrespective of the issues related to Robert Helmick, there are no regulations specifically protecting the IOC and its members from irregularities. There must be written directions on disclosure of interests. It can be seen that Turner Broadcasting needed Helmick. The linkage was there."

No suspicion on new sports

BERGEN — Prince Alexandre de Merode of Belgium, a leading member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said yesterday that there were "no suspicions" that the international federations of the sports that had been added to the Olympic programme in 1988 and 1992 had paid IOC members to represent their interests (John Goodbody writes).

Robert Helmick, an American IOC member, has said that he was paid possibly more than $100,000 by golf and tenpin bowling during their unsuccessful bids to be part of the Games.

There are no plans for the IOC to investigate how tennis and table tennis were added to the programme for 1988, and baseball, women's judo and badminton for 1992. The demonstration sports are also not under suspicion. Taekwondo, baseball and women's judo appeared in Seoul and roller hockey, Basque pelota and taekwondo will be in Barcelona.

Spaniard avoids confrontation as pressure mounts two days before the start of the Ryder Cup

Tactful Ballesteros eases tension

From Mitchell Platts
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
AT KIAWAH ISLAND

SEVERIANO Ballesteros yesterday diplomatically diffused a thorny issue overhanging the Ryder Cup match, which starts on the Ocean Course here in South Carolina on Friday and is being christened the "War by the Shore".

Ballesteros said: "I have to say that this is not going to be a war. It will be a competition between two continents to see which one is better."

It was a simple statement that brought into sharp focus the importance of the biennial match being regarded as a sporting celebration rather than a confrontation.

Jack Nicklaus might not be here as a player or a captain but he has spoken out on the changing character of the match. "It used to be a pleasant experience," he said. "Now it's war."

Ballesteros, of course, will want to win. It is his influence which unquestionably galvanised the European team in 1985, when the Cup was regained for the first time since the United States won it back in 1959.

Even so, it would appear that the Spaniard views another victory as being important rather than imperative. It might also be his way of easing the pressure on the new members because he stated his case during a mass press conference attended by the entire European team.

They sat, shoulder to shoulder, on a podium with Bernard Gallacher, the captain, standing behind them like the orchestrator he must be this week. Gallacher fingered his chin as he monitored the questions before allowing each player to express his feelings on the match. It took Mark James, in whom Gallacher has placed his faith by selecting him, to break the ice.

Steven Richardson, one of the five newcomers, predictably — if passionately — said that it was a match that he had always dreamt of playing in since he watched it on television. James, following on behind, said: "We didn't have TVs when I was young . . . but the feelings don't change, because it *is* a great honour and there is a huge amount of prestige. It is a way, too, to be judged by the public."

The spectators might find it more difficult than expected to judge the strength of the players this week unless the marshalling is of an inordinately high standard. The fairways might be generous but the walkways seem on first sight to be less than ample to accommodate 25,000 each day.

Much has been made of the elaborate plans to transport the spectators onto the island with the minimum of fuss. The situation has been improved by getting the local schools to close on Friday and for more than 100 churches between Charleston and here to conduct services later than is normal on Sunday.

It seems questionable, however, that with an average of 6,000 following each foursome or fourball on Friday and Saturday, that all will have line of sight. That amounts to possibly more than double the number which follow matches at the World Match Play Championship, and unless my eyes deceive me there is more walking space at Wentworth.

For the moment the early arrivals can watch the practice sessions in relative comfort. Gallacher stressed that little should be read into the way he sent the players out for their first look as a team at the Ocean Course. That is probably the case. Tony Jacklin, Gallacher's predecessor, swung many a match by making an eleventh-hour change with his pairings.

Yesterday, Sam Torrance, Ian Woosnam and David Feherty played together ahead of José-María Olazábal, Ballesteros, David Gilford and Paul Broadhurst, with Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie and Richardson bringing up the rear. James preferred to practice rather than play in the morning.

IAN STEWART

Going with a swing: Broadhurst, the European team newcomer, gets a first look at the Kiawah Island course

Recalling deeds of Carr and Ewing

ROSSES Point, Co Sligo — There are likely to be two main problems for the players of England, Scotland, Wales, and, to a lesser extent, Ireland, who are gathered here for the start of the home internationals today (Patricia Davies writes).

The first is the wind and the second, perhaps more serious, is the entertainment schedule, which is of the singing, dancing and drinking variety.

Rosses Point (its official title is the County Sligo Golf Club) is on the coast, a few miles from Sligo (which for those who live in remote spots and are not students of W. B. Yeats, is in the northwest of Ireland). It is, in short, a breezy spot.

Steven Reid, a general practitioner, in Lytham, but a life member of this club, has written a book about it called *Get to the Point* (Oakleaf Publications, limited edition, price £14).

He recounted how, in one West of Ireland championship, Joe Carr played the short fourth (165 yards) with a pitching wedge in the morning and struggled to reach the green with a driver in the afternoon.

Carr won the West 12 times but, great though he was, the hero of Rosses Point was Cecil Ewing, a member of the first Great Britain and Ireland side to win the Walker Cup, in 1938, and runner-up in the Amateur championship that same year.

Ewing, who died in 1973, played in six Walker Cups and 16 times in the home internationals.

Today, Ireland play Wales and England play Scotland.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Extensive abuse shown by first Soviet check-up

From John Goodbody in Bergen, Norway

NINETEEN per cent of elite Soviet competitors in six sports have officially admitted to taking banned substances to improve their performances, the first survey of drug abuse in the country revealed yesterday.

In the new liberal atmosphere of the Soviet Union, a two-year inquiry began in 1989, and the preliminary findings were disclosed here at the International Olympic Committee conference on anti-doping in sport. The survey showed that the number of announced positive tests did not accurately reflect the extent of the problem in the Soviet Union.

Dr Sergei Portugalov, who carried out the investigation for the Soviet state sports committee, said that the questionnaires were completed anonymously by 240 competitors who had represented either their republic or country in athletics, weightlifting and powerlifting, swimming, cross-country skiing, speed skating and figure skating.

He said that there was clearly a flourishing trade, particularly in hormone drugs, because many of the substances named by the competitors and also found in urine analyses at the Moscow laboratory were not manufactured in the Soviet Union.

"This indicates that there is a black market for sports drugs as well as illegal ways of trafficking," Dr Portugalov told the conference.

Later, he said: "I was surprised at the findings. I thought they would be higher. However, although competitors did not disclose their names, perhaps some of them, such as the weightlifters and powerlifters, were not completely honest. I myself had acted as an anti-doping officer at their championships and perhaps they did not trust me."

He added that it was only until recently that people in the Soviet Union had been suspicious about official questionnaires, fearing that the information would be used against them.

The survey said that 80 per cent of the competitors, who were aged between 19 and 27 and were based at special sports training centres near Moscow, received their first information about drugs from senior competitors or coaches.

He said that the percentage was far higher than for the samples analysed at the Moscow laboratory, where there were only 38 positives in 1990 from about 3,500 samples.

The total number of samples includes 60 under bilateral out-of-competition agreements with the United States and Finland in which representatives from the countries select which competitor from the other country should be tested and are present when the urine samples are given and do the analyses themselves.

In addition, no Soviet competitor was found positive in any international event abroad during 1990.

The discrepancy between the number of positive tests and the number of admissions of drug-taking by competitors to improve performance, derives from the fact that many athletes take hormone drugs in training and are not caught in the regular competition testing.

Failure in Canada

DRUG abuse by Canadian athletes is on the rise, despite the publicity and increased testing following the banning of Ben Johnson, Dr Andrew Pipe, the chairman of the Sport Medicine Council of Canada said yesterday.

"In Canada, as elsewhere in North America, there is disturbing evidence which suggests that the use of a number of banned drugs is on the increase," he told the conference on anti-doping in sport, in Bergen.

It was "dispiriting" that doping was continuing in a nation [Canada] which had undergone "such intense self-scrutiny", he said.

CRICKET

Staffordshire gain overdue reward

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET by Michael Austin

STAFFORDSHIRE'S achievement in becoming the first double champions in minor counties history is a reward for their long-term consistency. Before lifting the Eastern division title this summer, Staffordshire had finished in the top three on six occasions in the previous seven years.

In the middle of this season, Nick Archer, the captain, had said that the team was not the best in which he had played, but in terms of success this has been Staffordshire's best year.

Laurance Hancock, aged 92, the former long-serving Staffordshire secretary, watched their ten-wicket victory over Oxfordshire in the championship final at Luton, just as he did in 1927 when his county previously won the title. Ten days earlier they had won the Holt Cup at Lord's, beating Devon by four wickets.

Steven Dean, a teacher at Denstone College, and David Cartledge, a builder from Leek, showed such consistency as opening batsmen that Staffordshire often demoralised opposing attacks. They shared an unbroken partnership of 216 to win the championship final and revive memories of their remarkable century stand off only ten overs against Lincolnshire in July.

Archer and Dean also achieved the distinction of appearing in four national finals, playing for Staffordshire in the NCA county championship and Walsall in the national club championship, as well as in the two at minor counties level.

Staffordshire, who have produced eight Test players since the war, doubtless spared a thought for Devon, who lost the Holt Cup final the day after narrowly failing to qualify for the championship final.

Devon, led by Hiley Edwards, have made significant strides since failing to win a championship match last year. Hertfordshire's inability to qualify for the NatWest Trophy next season, for the first time since 1982, was the biggest surprise. With Durham being granted first-class status, Herefordshire will join the minor counties next summer.

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SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Ardingly stage recovery

By George Chesterton

CARELESS Eton let slip a 2-0 lead against Ardingly and had to settle for a 2-2 draw. Smith scored both Eton goals, but Priestland reduced the arrears before half-time and then Simms, coming on as a substitute, equalised with his first touch of the ball.

Jenkins was first to score for **Bradfield** in their 2-0 win over **Winchester**. The second goal was headed home by Deaner shortly before half-time. Winchester came more into the reckoning in the second half and might have reduced the deficit but for a good save by Seymour.

Kimbolton enjoyed their third success of the week when they defeated **Aldenham** 3-0. Dean, put through on his own, ran round the goalkeeper for the first goal. An own goal made the score 2-0 and a far-post header from a corner made the result certain.

Forest won 4-0 away to **Charterhouse**. There was nothing to separate two skilful teams in the opening half-hour. Loton then scored and Cook made it 2-0 from a penalty. The second-half goals came from Lawlor and Pratt, the son of the former Tottenham Hotspur player.

St Bede's were first to score, against the run of play, when they visited **Manchester GS**. Roylance equalised five minutes later and despite sustained pressure by Manchester there was no further score.

BOXING

No hype needed for title contest

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

IT WAS all sweetness at the press conference at Sweetings restaurant, in the City of London, yesterday. Colin "Sweet C" McMillan, the British featherweight champion, and Sean Murphy were trying to publicise their bout at the Albert Hall on October 29 without the usual hype.

After the unpleasant hype that preceded the recent World Boxing Organisation title bout between Chris Eubank and Michael Watson, badmouthing was definitely out.

Frank Warren, the promoter said: "No hype is needed for this one. These are two skilled, highly-trained fighters, who have great respect for each other. It should be a classic contest. They are both good fighters and they'll be best of friends afterwards."

The boxers may know each other's style but do not expect sweet nothing to happen in the ring. Both have a strong following, McMillan, from Barking, Murphy, from St Albans. It is a classic match between McMillan, the boxer, and Murphy, the fighter.

McMillan: elusive

It should be a good scrap, particularly as Murphy can box and fight. Murphy was not too concerned about the dangers of boxing even if he is a fighter. "The risk is part and parcel of the sport. If you ban boxing, then lots of other dangerous things should be banned, too."

But Jon Robinson, who is Michael Watson's adviser, said that the boxing board would be watching this contest closely as it could be a bloody affair. "McMillan is division one, premier division in fact . . . future European champion, even world champion perhaps. I think the board will be watching very carefully as it could be a bloody affair."

There is no need to fear for either boxer for McMillan does not get hit and Murphy feels disappointed if he doesn't get a good scrap. McMillan, has lost only one bout in 20 contests, the defeat being on a cut eye. Murphy, a former champion, has been beaten only twice in 22 contests.

Both will be trying to win the Lonsdale Belt outright, McMillan in record time. If he wins he will have beaten Carl Crook's record of 121 days by just 24 hours.

VOLLEYBALL

British are poor relations

By Roddy Mackenzie

THE Royal Bank men's International Cup in Birmingham last week posed more questions than it answered. Without doubt, Great Britain played remarkably well in all three of their matches, against Greece, Bulgaria and Canada, and, although only registering one win, did not look out of place in such company. But where do they go from here?

Ralph Hippolyte, the highly-respected Haitian who took over as coach to the first British men's team 18 months ago, has worked wonders with a part-time squad. But the time is still a long way off when Britain will be able to beat all three countries of the stature they played last week.

In world terms, Hippolyte is preparing his squad on a budget that is laughable. At the European championships earlier this month, where Hippolyte was lecturing to the world's leading coaches, he acted as a mediator in a transfer deal that took one of the Bulgarian men's international team to Montpellier on a contract worth £150,000 a year. Such a sum would have more than covered the expenses for his British squad.

The Sports Council was enlightened enough to award a £200,000 grant over a period of two years to develop the British men's team and the British Volleyball Federation (BVF) has high hopes that the deal will be continued for another two years when the present one expires early next year. Ideally, a long-term contract should be put in its place.

The BVF had originally asked for £580,000 a year from the Sports Council, that being a sum approaching what other European teams receive. Yet there would be an outcry from other sports if volleyball was given such support. The vision of a full-time training squad, based at one centre, seems no nearer reality, although everyone agrees this is a step that must be taken.

Hippolyte has taken the squad to a new level but even he accepts that without greater backing he will be doing no more than providing a legacy. "We will hit a brick wall at some stage and I think that could be soon," Hippolyte observed last weekend.

He admitted that he is now spending too much time fighting political battles when he should be concentrating on coaching. He must wonder how much longer he can spend in a volleyball backwater away from the prospering main stream.

He is a professional working with amateurs and as long as he has only £100,000 a year to work with, Britain's goal of qualifying for the Olympics will be unattainable.

MOTOR RALLYING

Kankkunen reduces Sainz's lead

PERTH, Australia (Reuter) — Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, won his third successive Australian rally yesterday, closing the gap on Carlos Sainz in the world drivers' title.

Kankkunen, the only man to win the Australian round of the world championship since its inception in 1989, steered his Lancia over the 371-mile course of special stages in 5hr 48min 48sec. Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, driving a Mitsubishi, finished 73 seconds behind Kankkunen in second place, with Armin Schwarz, of Germany, third in a Toyota Celica.

Sainz, of Spain, the world champion, failed to win any points after crashing out on Sunday. Kankkunen's 20 points take him to 123, only two behind Sainz in the world standings, with four rallies left.

Kankkunen won 20 of the 39 stages contested over five days through the forests on the outskirts of Perth. Lancia's hopes of a first and second were dashed on Monday when Didier Auriol dropped out after his Delta Integrale's engine failed.

In finishing seventh, Ross Dunkerton, of Australia, sealed the Asian/Pacific rally championship.

RESULT: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 5hr 48min 48sec; 2, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:50:01; 3, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 5:54:42; 4, M Alen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 5:58:15; 5, T Salonen (Fin), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:59:54; 6, R Millen (NZ), Mazda 323, 6:04:37.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, C Sainz (Sp), 125pts; 2, Kankkunen, 123; 3, D Auriol (Fr), 81; 4, M Biasion (It), 54; 5, Eriksson, 51.

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England forward delighted at move

Wright hoping to bring an end to Anfield monopoly

A DESIRE to stay in London helped persuade Ian Wright to leave Crystal Palace for Arsenal in a £2.5 million transfer, the England forward said yesterday.

Wright said he would not have considered joining any of the leading clubs in Manchester or on Merseyside. "I'm a London boy and Arsenal are the biggest London club and the biggest club in England as far as I'm concerned," he said after meeting his new team colleagues.

"I wanted to stay down here because I want to be part of breaking up that monopoly that Liverpool think they have on English football.

"If I can be part of bringing them down then I'll be delighted because I'm proud of being a Londoner."

Wright refused to discuss what part, if any, the recent controversy over black players played in his decision.

"That's all in the past, I just want to get on with my Arsenal career," he said.

A bigger motivation was the chance to boost his international career, with fellow England players Alan Smith and Paul Merson alongside. "It's exciting for me because I'm lining up with players I have a lot of respect for," Wright said, "but England is not first and foremost in my mind.

"I'll think of that when it comes around, and obviously when you're at a club like Arsenal and doing well then those things come. But my priority right now is to get into the Arsenal team."

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said: "I've had certain criticism about doing this or not doing that, but I'm quite positive when I want to do something.

"If I could have bought him in the summer I would have done, but it wasn't on then. When the situation changed I was very decisive. The whole deal was done in a morning."

☐ The Wimbledon owner, Sam Hammam, has criticised his local council after it turned down the club's plans for a new 30,000 all-seat stadium.

Wimbledon are sharing Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park ground this season after selling their Plough Lane home last year. The club had identified a new site on waste land at Beddington, but Merton Council yesterday rejected its plans.

Hammam said: "It is time the council started being honest with the club. They say they want the club back in the borough, but everything they have done so far suggests differently.

"They either want us, or they don't, and it seems they don't."

Hammam said the council had now rejected four sites the club had identified.

"I am deeply hurt by this latest rejection, because the site was absolutely ideal for a new stadium. They are playing politics at our expense."

Meeting the manager: Wright, who joined Arsenal on Monday, meets Graham at Highbury yesterday

Johnston decides against a return

CRAIG Johnston has quashed speculation that he might be returning from Australia to resume his career with Liverpool later this season.

The midfield player, aged 30, who spent ten years at Anfield before walking out on the club in 1988, said in Sydney that he intended to concentrate on his career as a television presenter.

Johnston, whose contract is retained by Liverpool to prevent him playing for any other club, raised the possibility of a surprise reconciliation this summer after talks with the new Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness.

☐ The Aston Villa forward Dwight Yorke, aged 19, has signed a new four-year contract with the club. Yorke, a Trinidad and Tobago international, scored his first goal of the season in Saturday's 3-1 win over Nottingham Forest.

☐ Brazil has withdrawn its bid to host the 1998 World Cup because of the economic crisis in the country, the Brazilian Football Confederation president, Ricardo Teixeira, said yesterday.

The announcement, coming six weeks after England pulled out of the race, further strengthens France's candidacy. Switzerland and Morocco are also bidding.

England agreed with France to withdraw its World Cup bid if France agreed not to go for the 1996 European championships.

A course with a difference

By IAN ROSS

STUDENTS drawn from all over the world will gather in Liverpool this week to begin a unique course which, it is hoped, will help lift the veil of suspicion that has for so long separated science and football.

The Diploma in Science and Football, a one-year course which is being run by the Centre for Sport and Exercise Sciences at the city's polytechnic, is unashamedly radical in its stated aims and beliefs, and is designed to help dispel the notion that Britain's national sport is nothing more than a simple game which allies entertainment and good fortune.

By utilising an array of sophisticated technology, the course will address the key components of the game, namely human anatomy as applied to football, computerised match analysis, sports mechanics, the biochemics of the sport, and nutritional exercise.

Professor Tom Reilly, the course leader, has been greatly encouraged by the response.

"We received more than 200 serious enquiries from all over the world," he said. "We have accepted 11 students for this year, although our maximum figure is 15.

"One of the problems is that a high level of academic background is required. It is harder to get on to this course than it is to get on to a university degree course because the successful applicant must also have a high level of practice within the game of football itself.

"Of those taking part this year, we have students from Japan, South Africa and Australia as well as the United Kingdom. There is tremendous international interest.

"We have already accepted people for 1992 and we are in the process of setting people up in courses which will enable them to join us in two years' time."

Professor Reilly is hopeful that former professional footballers will embrace the course in the years ahead.

Dr Mike Hughes's work into notational analysis will provide an objective breakdown of the tactics, technique and attitude of players from throughout the world.

Research has shown that coaches can remember only 20 to 30 per cent of what happened during the course of a football game," he said. "Football is a complicated sport, so if we do want to improve our coaching, management and team selection and make it scientific, then we have to objectify our system of recording the game and make sure it is accurate."

YACHTING

RORC to seek cost reduction

By BARRY PICKTHALL

AFTER the disappointing support from just seven overseas teams for this year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, the Royal Ocean Racing Club is considering important changes for the next series in 1993.

"We will do everything possible to encourage teams like New Zealand and Ireland to compete again by finding ways to reduce the costs," John Dare, the club's commodore, said.

One option is the adoption of a one-design racer-cruiser to replace one of the three IOR classes. "The idea is to put the class out to commercial tender, then sell the boats on after the series," the commodore said.

Dare is confident that the Offshore Racing Council will adopt a new rule at its conference in November, but that the decisions will take too long to filter through to be a practical proposition for the 1993 season.

"Our aim must be to get at least 12 teams to the next series, and while the one-design concept may prove only a temporary solution, it will reduce campaign costs considerably," he said.

SNOOKER

Hendry cleans up in Stoke

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry, the defending champion, served notice, by reaching the fifth round of the £200,000 Asian Open at Trentham Gardens, Stoke, yesterday, that he has no intention of allowing two surprise defeats during the past 11 days to erode his confidence.

Hendry, the 1990 world champion, aged 22, who holds a commanding 28-point lead over second-placed Steve Davis in the world rankings, highlighted a 5-2 victory over Tony Chappel, of Wales, with breaks of 79, 44, 66 and, in the third frame, a sublime 139 total clearance, the highest run so far registered in the tournament.

Although Hendry's deadpan post-match expression indicated no signs of relief, the win, and particularly the way in which it was achieved, must have eased the worries created by his 5-3 reversal against Warren King at the corresponding stage of the Dubai Duty Free Classic nine days ago.

Doug Mountjoy and Terry Griffiths, the most senior members of the world's top 16, were both beaten by promising second-season professionals. Mountjoy, the world No. 10, lost 5-2 to Alan McManus, of Glasgow, while Griffiths, ranked eleventh, went down 5-3 against Ken Doherty, the 1989 world amateur champion, from Dublin.

RESULTS: Fourth round: A Meo (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-4; J Read (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-2; J Parrott (Eng) bt J Woodman (Eng), 5-3; M Price (Eng) bt J White (Eng), 5-4; S Davis (Eng) bt G Lees (Eng), 5-3; D Taylor (Ire) bt S Storey (Eng), 5-2; A Hamilton (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-2; B Chaperon (Can) bt N Gilbert (Eng), 5-2; B Morgan (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 5-4; J Swail (N Ire) bt W Jones (Wales), 5-2; M Hallett (Eng) bt K Broughton (Eng), 5-3; A McManus (Scot) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-2; S Hendry (Scot) bt T Chappel (Wales), 5-2; J Wattana (Thai) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-4; K Doherty (Ire) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-3; W Thorne (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire), 5-2; T Drago (Mal) bt T (Ire), 5-0.

ICE HOCKEY

Struggling Solihull face deadline

THE British Ice Hockey Association has decided not to allow the Solihull Barons to become the Sheffield Steelers (Norman de Mesquita writes).

The financially embarassed Solihull club has been given until 5pm tomorrow to supply a guarantee that it can operate for the rest of the season.

If it cannot, the Billingham Bombers will be restored to the premier division of the Heineken League, and the top two teams, based on last year's standings in the English League One, will play off next Tuesday to determine which is promoted to the first division.

David Gardner-Brown, a partner in the Sheffield enterprise, said: "We understand the decision reached and support the idealist motives behind it, but the time taken to reach the decision and the callous way of dealing with Solihull's plight leave many questions unanswered."

The inaugural exhibition game that was planned for the Sheffield Arena will still go ahead tomorrow at 8pm, when Durham Wasps, the British champions, will provide the opposition.

RUGBY UNION

Outsiders invited to play in sevens

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Middlesex sevens tournament, that traditional end-of-season fiesta which in recent years has suffered from declining standards, is to open its doors to outsiders: although the concept of guest teams will remain, space is to be made for the leading first division clubs.

It is the most substantial change to the tournament's regulations since it started in 1926 and comes after a decade of complaints: that the competing clubs did not provide play of an appropriate quality; that no club should be allowed to have more than one team in the finals; and that the crowds have become more thoughtless in their behaviour, both in and around Twickenham.

However there is faith in the long-term future of the tournament, as indicated by Save and Prosper, sponsors for the last five years, who yesterday announced a three-year extension of their agreement with Middlesex, worth £95,000 a year to the Wavell Wakefield Youth Trust and the Middlesex memorial fund.

The make-up of this season's tournament, on May 9 next year, will now consist of six qualifiers; last season's finalists (London Scottish and Harlequins); two guest sides (Boroughmuir and one from overseas); and six senior clubs, Bath, Wasps, Leicester, Orrell, Gloucester and Rosslyn Park. As luck would have it those senior clubs also include the finalists from last season's national sevens, Bath and Leicester.

The exact rule change, experimental for this season, provides for the entry of the six top clubs in the first division from last season (assuming they accept the invitation). Since that includes Harlequins, beaten by the Scottish in the sevens last May, Rosslyn Park come in as next-best in the league and, given their distinguished contribution to the tournament.

Derek Mann, chairman of the Middlesex sevens committee, said: "We have recognised the need for a revamp and believe that these changes will revitalise the competition, while safeguarding the right to involvement of our Middlesex member clubs." Mann also referred to the need for drastic action after an "unacceptable deterioration in crowd behaviour," relating the limitations on the availability of alcohol at Twickenham.

"It was, and is, our hope and intention to resume the sale of beer (for consumption in the bars) hopefully next year and initially on a limited scale, but the certain consequences of any high-profile abuse, involving offensive behaviour, should be apparent to us all," Mann wrote in a circular to Middlesex clubs. He also refuted accusations that some clubs had asked for money to appear on sevens day.

☐ Jeremy Bennett, the No. 8, has rejoined Gloucester after spending two years in Australia.

☐ Tredegar have pulled out of tonight's match at Swansea because of injuries.

CYCLING

Irish await rides from two leaders

AFTER their disastrous performances in the Tour de France, Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche will be eager to impress when the five-day Nissan international classic starts in Dublin today.

It is the traditional end-of-season home appearance by both of Ireland's outstanding cyclists. Their loyal armies of supporters will be looking for proof that their favourites can still produce a ride when necessary.

In the Tour, Kelly retired with the rest of the PDM squad because of a mystery illness and Roche missed the start of the team time-trial and was eliminated.

Kelly, who won the first three versions of the five-day Nissan race, does not wear No. 1 in this year's 95-strong field. That honour goes to his Dutch team-mate Erik Breukink, last year's overall winner. Also in the PDM squad is Martin Earley, another Irishman.

The Netherland's other former Nissan winner, Eric Vanderaerden, also returns, in the Buckler team.

Roche, who has never been able to repeat the heights he achieved in 1987, when he won the Tour de France, the Tour of Italy and the world professional road race championship, will be joined by his brother, Laurence, who made his Tour debut this year and is establishing a reputation of his own after winning the points classification in the Tour of Limousin.

ITINERARY: September 25: Dublin to Kilkenny (82.6 miles). Sept 26: Kilkenny to Galway (124.4 miles). Sept 27: Galway to Limerick (115.3 miles). Sept 28: Limerick to Cork (118.3 miles). Sept 29: Kildare to Dublin (87.2 miles).

Vote for Akabusi

KRISS Akabusi and Liz McColgan have added to the honours they won at the world championships in Tokyo by being voted Britain's athletes of the year by the journalists who covered their exploits.

Akabusi easily held off Roger Black and McColgan did likewise with Sally Gunnell in the annual poll of the British Athletics Writers' Association.

OLYMPICS: The Italian Olympic Committee (Coni) has approved Milan's bid to host the 2000 Games.

CYCLO-CROSS: The Princess Royal has agreed to be patron of the world championships in Leeds next February.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The Chicago Bears won for the fourth time with a 19-13 sudden-death overtime victory over the New York Jets on Monday. After Pat Leahy, of the Jets, missed a field-goal attempt in overtime, Jim Harbaugh scored on a one-yard run.

MOTOR RACING: Gabriele Tarquini is leaving the AGS team to drive for Fondmetal in the Spanish grand prix at Barcelona on Sunday. He replaces Olivier Grouillard.

☐ Ian Botham is to drive a 140mph Ford Sierra Cosworth at Donington on October 20 in a round of the Firestone production saloon car championship.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Greg Alexander, declared unfit for Australia's tour of Papua New Guinea, will be in the Penrith Panthers squad to play Wigan next week in the world cup challenge match at Anfield, Liverpool.

BASKETBALL: The England team to face American All Stars at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham on October 5 was named yesterday:

TEAM: R Baker (Worthing), A Byrd (Kingston), K Brown (Leicester), M Landell (Leicester), R Scantlebury (London), P Scantlebury (London), S Darlow (Hemel Hempstead), M Obeseki (Manchester), S Panovics (Hemel Hempstead), T Simms (Birmingham), L Rogers (Worthing), M Henlan (Kingston).

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results on Monday

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Queen's Park 1, Albion Rovers 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster Harriers 1, Macclesfield 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 2, Reading 3; Luton 0, Millwall 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 0, Coventry City 0. Second division: Leicester City 4, Oldham Athletic 1; Stoke City 3, York City 0.

FA CUP: First qualifying round: Second replay: Frickley 3, Harrogate Town 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 0, Marlow 1. First division: Stevenage Borough 2, Wembley 0. Second division: Ruislip Manor 2, Rainham Town 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 4, Bishop Auckland 1; Hyde 1, Horwich 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon Town 3, Minehead 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools British Gas Trophy: First round: Calderdale 0, Leeds 7; Huddersfield 2, York 4. Adidas Under-16 Trophy: Semi-final: Oxfordshire 1, Essex 2. School match: Merton SFC 1, Alleyne's Dulwich 2.

AFRICAN GAMES

ATHLETICS: Men: 400m hurdles: 1, E Keter (Ken), 48.86sec. 100m: F Fredericks (Nam) 10.18. 400m: S Kitur (Ken) 46.40. 20km walk: H Shemsu (Eth), 1hr 28.04sec. Hammer: E Sheriffaruk (Eg), 67.58m. Women: 100m: M Onyali (Nigeria) 11.12. 400m: F Yusuf (Nigeria) 50.71. 800m: L Mutola (Moz), 2min 4.02sec. 400m hurdles: M Wompiou (Ivory Coast) 57.35. High jump: L Nda Koffi (Ivory Coast) 1.83. Javelin: S Nyaume (Ken), 51.94m. Heptathlon: R Izojie (Nigeria), 5,383pts.

TAEKWONDO: 58km: K el-Hennawy (Eg). 76km: M Rahim el-Kahky (Eg).

WRESTLING (all Egypt): 48km: N Ahmed Aly. 52km: A Abdel-Fattah. 57km: E el-Assar. 62km: A Kamel. 68km: H el-Din Mustafa. 74km: M el-Khoded. 82km: M Abdel-Hares. 90km: M Abdel-Hares. 100km: K Abdo. 130km: H el-Hadded.

SWIMMING: Men: 100m freestyle: M Amin (Eg), 53.74. 200m breaststroke: S Ben-Shakour (Alg), 2min 10.44sec (African record). Women: 400m freestyle: B Gharby (Tun), 4:37. 100m backstroke: S J Murphy (Zim), 1:06.5 (African record). 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, Tunisia 4:07.22.

KARATE: Komite: 70km: H Celeste (Alg). 57km: A Fattah el-Naggar (Eg). Open: M Fat'hi (Eg).

SHOOTING: Carbine couche: M Fayek Nasser (Eg), 577.3pts. Air pistol: T Zaky Ried (Eg), 658.1 pts. Smallbore rifle: M Fayek Nasser (Eg), 677.3 pts. Rapid fire pistol: R Omar (Eg), 587 pts.

BASKETBALL: Men: Group A: Central African Republic 92, Mozambique 87. Women: Group A: Madagascar 72, Egypt 70.

DIVING: Men: 3m springboard: Final: E Stewart (Zim), 533.70pts.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Snatch, clean and jerk: 52kg: A Ramadan (Eg), 220kg. 56kg: M Kahla (Eg), 230kg. 60kg: A Basbas (Alg), 265kg. 67.5kg: Y Abdel Menam (Alg), 300kg. 75kg: H Hamdy Abdelkarim (Eg), 322.50kg. 82.5kg: P Young (Nig), 330kg.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago Bears 19, New York Jets 13 (overtime)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 8, San Francisco Giants 0; St Louis Cardinals 10, Montreal Expos 1; Montreal Expos 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; Chicago Cubs 10, Philadelphia Phillies 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 4, Boston Red Sox 3; Detroit Tigers 2, Cleveland Indians 1; New York Yankees 9, Milwaukee Brewers 8; Oakland Athletics 7, Kansas City Royals 5; Texas Rangers 11, Seattle Mariners 4; California Angels 10, Toronto Blue Jays 8.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRIGHT LEAGUE: First division: Reading 50, Coventry 40; Wolves 60, Kings Lynn 30. Second division: Exeter 61, Rye House 29.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Workington 6, Oldham 6.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: DLB Peter Fryer Trophy veterans' (Banbury), 78 miles: 1, G Moore (Bristol RC), 3hr 35min 0sec; 2, D Jones (Birkenhead NECC), same time; 3, G Smith (Port Sunlight Wh), same time. Final placings: DLB series: 1, J Walchman (ABC Centreville), 451pts; 2, G Smith, 441; 3, P Merrows (Batley CC), 42. Joe Robinson Memorial (Stockton-on-Tees), 70 miles: 1, P Longbottom (Manchester Wh), 2:40.37; 2, P Curran (Manchester Wh), at 2sec; 3, I Murray (Stockton Wh), same time. King of the Hills: Curran. Horwich CC (Bolton), 80 miles: 1, J Fiddes (Horwich CC), 3:45.0; 2, V Smith (Horwich), same time; 3, J Cavanagh (Horwich), same time.

TIME TRIALS: St Budeaux CC 2-up 25 miles: 1, C Barratto and L Denham (Plymouth Corinthium), 57:29; 2, N James and J McNamara (Choughs RC), 58:39; 3, M Frampton and D Martyr (Heron RC), 58:54. Bath CC 25 miles: 1, J Pritchard (Polytechnic CC), 54.58; 2, J Watkins (Gloucester City), 57.17. Andover Wheelers 25 miles: 1, C Brooks (Polytechnic CC), 53:13; 2, C Bell (Westbury Wh), 54.19; 3, I De St Croix (CC Jersey), 54.38. Team: CC Jersey 2:51:02. Sunderland Clarion 25 miles: 1, A Corbett (Dinnington RC), 58:48; 2, S Walton (Barnesbury CC), 58:58; 3, P Widsmith (Barnesbury CC), 59:40. Team: Barnesbury CC 3:0 50. Mountain bikes: North of England MBA championship (Sixth round, Middlesbrough), 24 miles: 1, B Clarke (Raleigh), 1.47.35; 2, C Young (Pace Research), 1:49.18; 3, T Davies (Alpine Stars); 1:50:0. Final overall placings: 1, F Salmon (Peugeot), 110 pts; 2, B Clarke, 105; 3, C Young, 8. Cyclo-cross: Calder Clarion (Wakefield), 14 miles: 1, R Dane (Ieoster-Columbia), 54:55; 2, M Messenger (Sheffield RCC), at 1.38; 3, R Binks (Huddersfield RC), at 2:58.

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Delamere Forest GC: 1, Kingsway HS, Chester, 255; 2, Christleton HS, Chester, 258; 3, Caldway Grange GS, West Kirby, 260.

SHOOTING

ASH: Combined Services small-bore meeting: Inter-services (long range and three positions). 1, Regular Army, 17,172; 2, Territorial Army, 16,807; 3, RAF, 16,498; 4, RN, 15,903; 5, RNR, 15,100. Team matches: 1, Regular Army, 6,418; 2, Police Athletic Association, 6,050. Team: 1, English Small Bore Shooting Union, 10,827; 2, Combined Services, 10,719. Inter-service individual: 1, Corporal M Bagot (Army), 1,958; 2, WO1 A Cheese (Army), 1,943; 3, Capt C Ferguson (Army), 1,941.

Krickstein: Progress in the Queensland Open

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: New Zealand 58, New Zealand Barbarians 30.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Allhallows 18, Shebbear 9. Aylesbury 37, Desborough 0; Bancroft's 3, Perse 33; Bablake 20, Princethorpe 0, Bedford 17, Dulwich 6; Blundell's 7, Bryanston 12; Brighton 19, Cranleigh 20; Bristol Cathedral 25, Wells Cathedral 9; Campion 31, Saracens Colts 16, Canford 3, Sherborne 4, Chatham House 15, Maidstone 12; Cheltenham 20, Downside 0. Cheshunt 0, St Ignatius 49; Chislehurst and Sidcup 36, Dartford 0; Colchester RGS 12, Ipswich 16, Coopers 10, Bishop's Stortford 19; Cowbridge 3, Llandovery 38, Cranbrook 33, St Lawrence 6, Dauntsey's 10, Monkton Combe 3; Dean Close 38, King's, Gloucester 3; Denstone 4, Rossall 28; Douai 10, Reading 4; Durham 46, Giggleswick 3; Emanuel RGS 12, High Wycombe 25, Enfield 3, Latymer Upper 19; Epsom 25, Harrow 18; Glenalmond 14, Glasgow HS 6; Gravesend 9, Kent 18; Gresham's 10, Norwich 14; Haberdashers' Aske's 19, UCS 6; Hurstpierpoint 10, St John's, Leatherhead 3, Hymers 3, Silcoates 23, KCS Wimbledon 12, Hampton 4, King's, Bruton 38, Milton Abbey 0; King Edward's, Birmingham 6, Solihull 28; King Henry VIII, Coventry 12, King's, Worcester 20, King's, Taunton 34, Marlborough 3. Lancaster RGS 28, King's, Macclesfield 6, Loretto 16, George Watson's 10; Magdalen CS 12, King Edward VI, Southampton 28; Merchant Taylors', Crosby 33, St Mary's 8, Monmouth 21, Bristol GS 12; Portsmouth GS 28, Christ's Hospital 7. Queen's, Taunton 10, Kelly 49; RGS Guildford 30, St George's, Weybridge 6; RGS Worcester 13, Warwick 20. St Barts, Newbury 16, Lord Wandsworth 12, St Bees 21, Austin Friars 16; St George's, Harpenden 48, Hitchin 3, St Johns 4, Churchers 22; St Joseph's 25, Bishop's Stortford Coll 13, Sevenoaks 16, Eastbourne 17, Skinners 3, Sutton Valence 9; Spalding GS 4, Wymondham 35, Stamford 30, Worksop 8; Stockport 6, Manchester GS 28; Stowe 19, John Cleveland 12; Trent 19, Bromsgrove 3, Uppingham 15, Rugby 7; Verulam 3, Richard Hale 40; Wimbledon 16, City of London Freemen's 9; Wirral 58, Bolton 3; Worth 18, Chichester HS 10.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Mini Tempest Stages (Goodwood): 1, R Gillingham (Triumph TR7), 25min 24sec; 2, A Dorrington (Ford Escort) 26:51; 3, C Pool (Ford Escort), 27.27. Cossack Rally, Lincolnshire: J Hoyles (Lada), 8min. 2, M Bee (Vauxhall Astra), 12; 3, C Hughes (Fiat Uno), 15. Toyota Stages (North Wales): 1, P O'Dougherty (Talbot Sunbeam), 21:21; 2, M Dawes (Ford Escort), 21:24; 3, J Dalton (Daman), 21.24. Bushwhacker Stages (Northern Ireland): 1, R McGurk (Opel Manta), 38.54; 2, M Hill (Mazda RX7), 39:49; 3, G Robinson (Toyota Starlet), 39:52. D'Isle Stages (Staffordshire): 1, R Aiken (Ford Escort), 43.08; 2, A Cumock (Ford Escort), 43.29; 3, S Derrick (Opel Cadett), 43.31. Guyson/RAC Hill Climb Championship (Doune, Scotland): 1, R Rowan (Roman), 48.04; 2, M Griffiths (Pilbeam), 49.17; 3, J Whyte (Pilbeam), 51.40. Championship: 1, Griffiths, 97pts; equal 2, Rowan and R Lane, 92.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Sicily International championships: First round: F Fontang (Fr) bt A Medvedev (USSR), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt J Eltingh (Neth), 6-2, 6-2; R Gilbert (Fr) bt M Schapers (Austria), 6-3, 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt G Prpic (Yug), 6-4, 7-6.

BAYONNE, France: Women's open tournament: First round: C Porwik (Ger) bt D Szabova (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; L Meskhi (USSR) bt W Probst (Ger), 7-5, 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) bt C Mothes (Fr), 6-1, 6-0.

BRISBANE: Queensland Open: First round: T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Tarango (US), 7-6, 7-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Anderson (Aus), 7-6, 2-6, 6-3; J Morgan (Aus) bt D Marcelino (Br), 7-6, 6-2; D Orsanic (Arg) bt B Richardson (Aus), 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt G Muller (SA), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; R Weiss (US) bt D Pliskov (USSR), 6-2, 6-3; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt P Rafter (Aus), 6-4, 6-1; M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Olhovskiy (USSR), 6-1, 6-3; N Kroon (Swe) bt S Yol (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; A Krickstein (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-3, 7-6.

A bumper harvest for Warne

HARARE (Reuter) — The Australia B leg spinner, Shane Warne, who before the tour had played in only one first-class game, brought Zimbabwe to the verge of defeat by taking six wickets for 39 runs in the second four-day international match here yesterday.

Zimbabwe, 151 for seven in their second innings at the close of the third day, are only seven runs ahead.

ZIMBABWE: First innings

K J Arnott lbw b McIntyre	31
G Flower c Nellsen b Hickey	4
A Campbell c Law b McIntyre	15
†A Flower c Nellsen b Hickey	3
*D L Houghton not out	105
N Hough c Warne b Hickey	4
E A Brandes c Taylor b McIntyre	7
M Burmeister c Waugh b McIntyre	2
A J Traicos b Hickey	13
A Huckle lbw b Warne	1
M P Jarvis c Waugh b Hickey	33
Extras (w 2, nb 19)	21
Total	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-52, 3-61, 4-62, 5-75, 6-86, 7-89, 8-155, 9-164.

BOWLING: Hickey 24.4-4-72-5 (nb 6, w 1); Reiffel 20-4-68-0 (nb 10, w 1); Waugh 6-2-7-0 (nb 2); McIntyre 24-10-42-4; Tucker 2-0-8-0; Warne 17-5-40-1 (nb 1); Bevan 2-0-4-0.

Second Innings

K J Arnott b Warne	47
G Flower lbw b Warne	27
A Campbell c Moody b Warne	7
†A Flower b Warne	6
*D L Houghton not out	37
N Hough c Moody b Warne	5
E A Brandes c Moody b Bevan	4
M Burmeister c Taylor b Warne	5
A J Traicos not out	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 11)	12
Total (7 wkts)	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-83, 3-98, 4-99, 5-105, 6-117, 7-144.

BOWLING: Reiffel 9-1-20-0 (nb 6); Waugh 7-2-10-0; McIntyre 22-6-54-0; Warne 29-8-39-6 (nb 5); Bevan 9-1-27-1.

AUSTRALIA B: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Hough b Brandes	41
T M Moody c and b Burmeister	85
S G Law c Campbell b Brandes	94
S R Waugh b Brandes	11
M G Bevan lbw b Jarvis	20
R J Tucker c Traicos b Burmeister	62
†T J Nellsen lbw b Brandes	9
P R Reiffel c Traicos b Brandes	4
S K Warne not out	37
D J Hickey c and b Brandes	3
P E McIntyre run out	13
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total	383

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-124, 2-129, 3-157, 4-200, 5-285, 6-304, 7-328, 8-332, 9-338.

BOWLING: Brandes 31.3-3-85-6; Jarvis 25-4-90-1 (w 1); Burmeister 14.3-5-24-2; Huckle 13-1-74-0 (nb 1); Traicos 21-4-72-0 (nb 1); G Flower 5-0-16-0; Hough 2-0-11-0.

CRICKET

Rain diminishes chance of result

By RICHARD STREETON

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Essex have scored 248 for seven wickets against Victoria

ONLY an hour's cricket was possible yesterday before rain ended play for the day. Essex, who added 49 runs and lost two wickets, have not yet completed their first innings. Halfway through, what the organisers hoped would be a spectacular and competitive match is rapidly becoming an anti-climax.

Essex, the county champions, and Victoria, the Sheffield Shield winners, however, have every inducement to achieve a definite result. The £12,000 put up by Britannic Assurance, the sponsors, for the winners, which is £5,000 more than available for a Test match, is the largest prize-money for any first-class game in English cricket history. Should the match be tied, the teams receive £6,000 each, and £2,500 for a draw.

Gooch and O'Donnell, the captains, will obviously do their best as they juggle with their declarations but, sadly, any sense of occasion will now be hard to recapture.

Nick Knight, who sustained the Essex innings so well on Monday, was quickly run out when play resumed. He played a ball from Fleming towards Parker at short mid-wicket and was unable to beat the fieldsman's throw when sent back.

Soon afterwards Garnham missed an intended pull against Fleming and was leg-before for 33. Garnham, who has never made 1,000 runs in a season, has scored 986 this summer and is the leading rungetter among county wicketkeepers.

In an era when Test selectors take batting into account when choosing their wicketkeeper, it is interesting to compare the runs made by the county wicketkeepers this year. Garnham is followed by Rhodes with 942 runs, Blakey 941, Marsh 910, Burns 808, Hegg 784 and Moores 714. Russell is in tenth place with 627. Stewart, who kept for England in one Test match this year but rarely wore the gloves for Surrey, scored 1,161 runs this season.

Before the rain began Pringle and Foster hit freely to add 31 in six overs. Foster today will be hoping to obtain the three wickets he needs to follow Waqar Younis in taking 100 wickets this year.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Berry b Fleming	31
J P Stephenson b Dodemaide	54
P J Prichard lbw b O'Donnell	2
N Hussain c and b Dodemaide	5
N V Knight run out	53
J J B Lewis b Jackson	25
†M A Garnham lbw b Fleming	33
D R Pringle not out	12
N A Foster not out	19
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 4)	14
Total (7 wkts)	248

D R Pringle, N A Foster, J H Childs and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-80, 3-96, 4-103, 5-159, 6-208, 7-217.

VICTORIA: D J Ramshaw, W N Phillips, D M Jones, D S Lehmann, *S P O'Donnell, G R Parker, A I C Dodemaide, M G Hughes, †D S Berry, D W Fleming, P W Jackson.

Umpires: R Julian and K E Palmer.

☐ Warwickshire have "reluctantly agreed" to allow other counties to approach their reserve fast bowler, Joey Benjamin, who wants regular first-team cricket.

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Leicester manager welcomes challenge

Little relishing the chance to thwart Arsenal

By Louise Taylor

HOW do you stop Arsenal scoring? That is the problem faced by Brian Little as he prepares his Leicester City side for its Rumbelows Cup second-round, first-leg tie at Filbert Street tonight.

The League champions have scored 15 goals in their last three games, and have Ian Wright, a £2.5 million signing from Crystal Palace on Monday, available to make his first appearance in their attack.

Little will probably aim to stem the flood by reverting to the sweeper system, which brought him so much success in his previous job at Darlington, and has helped lift Leicester to third place in the second divison this season.

Little abandoned the five-man defence for Leicester's 3-0 win against Blackburn Rovers last Saturday, but is likely to recall Paul Fitzpatrick to the rearguard tonight.

"Leaving Fitzpatrick out on Saturday was purely tactical for that particular game," Little said. "But Arsenal will pose us a whole lot of different problems.

"It gives us a chance to test our ability against the best, though, and we are looking forward to it." Little, who was no stranger to success during a glittering career with Aston Villa, trusts that Tony James and Gary Mills will pass late fitness tests.

Wright's first appearance for Arsenal could come sooner than he imagines as George Graham, the manager, is contending with what he described as "the worst injury situation since I have been here".

Ankle injuries dictate that Alan Smith, Perry Groves and David O'Leary are all doubtful. The same problem rules Nigel Winterburn out of contention, suspension sidelines Anders Limpar, and Siggi Jonsson is on international duty. No wonder, then, that Graham said: "Ian is in the squad. He is part of a forward department at this club which will set a few hearts fluttering this season." The Leicester defence will not be about to disagree.

Manchester United may lead the first division, but they will be mindful of Cambridge United's achievements in reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in the last two seasons when they face John Beck's team, who are fourth in the second division, at Old Trafford.

Those first division managers who have been watching Dion Dublin, the Cambridge centre forward, in their hordes, will be keen to see how he does in a likely duel with Gary Pallister, the United and England central defender.

Swansea City, presently propping up the third division, will be relieved to learn that Gary Lineker, the scorer of four goals against Wimbledon last weekend, is, along with Paul Stewart, doubtful for the game at the Vetch Field.

Lineker has back and toe trouble, while Stewart is nursing a hamstring problem, and Peter Shreeves, the team manager, will not want to risk either before the home League game against Manchester United on Saturday.

Stoke City, who stand eighth in the third division, will not be pleased to learn that their Rumbelows Cup trip to Liverpool coincides with the return of Steve McMahon to midfield after suspension.

Assured that McMahon will add bite to the midfield, Liverpool trust that Nicky Tanner will pass a fitness test in time to supply stability to the defence. Stoke, who are managed by Lou Macari, boast the third division's leading goalscorer in Wayne Biggins, and he will aim to increase his season's haul of eight.

Chelsea have slithered on a few League Cup banana-skins in their time — their exit at Scarborough two seasons ago immediately springs to mind — and will take note of the words of John King, the Tranmere Rovers manager, who informed them: "Wembley are keeping the pitch warm for us."

The second division newcomers travel to Stamford Bridge with the aim of achieving a fifth appearance in three seasons at Wembley.

King said: "I recently bumped into the Wembley groundsman and he told me not to worry about the pitch because he was keeping it nice for me."

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Taylor aims to heal wounds

GORDON Taylor, the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, yesterday warned the Premier League hierarchy: "We won't be ignored." With the Football Association and Football League seeking to reach agreement regarding next season's set-up, Taylor is ready to join all-party discussions.

"Clubs have made their bed; now they've got to lie in it. I have to make sure that it's comfortable," he said.

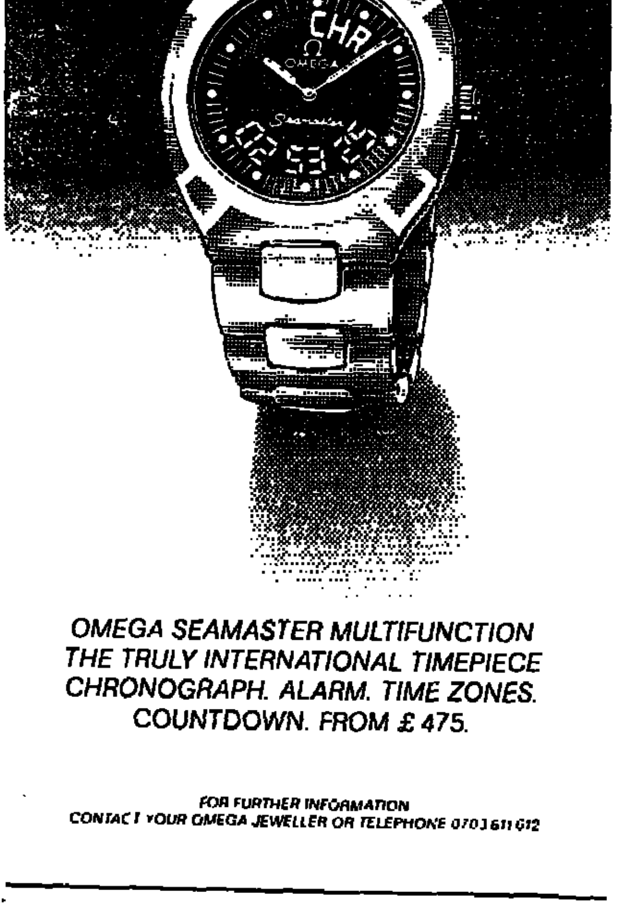
"The Football League has been going more than 100 years. We want to make sure that the game continues to go forward and not into reverse. I want to be healing wounds and positive, but we need to protect the interests of our members.

"The FA and League have reached an agreement and now it's time to bring the game of football back into the argument. It's incumbent on the FA to pull together with the main bodies. Many important issues are still there to be discussed and we are ready to work together with people. But we won't be ignored. The Premier League isn't just about TV agreements. It's about the quality of players on the pitch, and we are concerned with the careers of thousands of people right through the game."

There are fears that the split — the top 22 clubs will leave the Football League to join the new FA-inspired body at the end of the season — could mean many clubs eventually going part-time or out of business.

☐ LANDSKRONA, Sweden: Denmark will put the emphasis on attack as they seek a high-scoring victory against the Faeroe Islands in today's European championship qualifying match (Reuter reports). Yugoslavia lead the group, from which one team qualifies, by three points from Denmark, who have a game in hand.

☐ ROME: Italy will be without their injured World Cup midfield player, Roberto Donadoni, for today's international in Bulgaria (Reuter reports). Donadoni was carried off after suffering a back injury in AC Milan's game against Fiorentina on Sunday.



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Bridging the gap: Price, Windsor and Faulkner on prime time, above, and Edwards and John, below

Back in that old routine

Gerald Davies on a screen test that brings the triumphant years of Welsh rugby painfully into focus for the golden oldies

THIS year, some of the old gang from the golden years of Welsh rugby came back for an adventure. It turned into a screen trade reunion of those of us who had spent a decade together in the bruised skin trade.

With not much to sing about these days, the Welsh are content to wander down memory lane. Nostalgia is everything it used to be. *Old Scores*, a comedy to be broadcast tonight by ITV, does just that, drawing on the golden oldies and an imaginary Wales v New Zealand match in 1966.

Legends of Wales v New Zealand matches have been fashioned by a disputed try in 1905. Wales won, and no one is allowed to forget it. You never beat Wales, the Kiwis scoff, only score more points than them. The All Blacks will go to any lengths to ensure that they do. Andy Haden, the lock forward, dived out of the lineout in 1978 to hoodwink a referee into awarding the winning penalty.

But *Old Scores* is the movies, or something like it. We needed to re-enact a dressing-room scene. Limbering up was thought necessary, an arm or two in the air, knees up and down a bit. Getting up a bit of puff to see whether we could still do it.

The dressing-room was cramped, with gaffers, focus-pullers, runners, best boys and whatever. Girls squirting perspiration on our cheeks from an aerosol and cosmetic mud on varicosed legs; which goo smelt like the Arms Park used to when the opaque Taff used to overflow on to the pitch. Responding to the actor-coach, Barry John, true to form, poo-pooed him away as he might have done in the real thing once when he wanted the results of the Gold Cup from Cheltenham first. "Yeah, yeah, I'll do it. Land the ball on a sixpence, right." Right, Barry being a one-take sort of man.

But there were several takes to the scene. There was Bobby Windsor, who, absent-mindedly, kept eating his orange slice. For every take, an orange quarter disappeared. For continuity's sake, he was replenished. Lighting had to be re-adjusted, camera angles changed. "Any more takes," he said exasperated, "and I'll feel like the man from Del Monte."

There were few dull moments. Certainly, those spent dissecting the present ills of Welsh rugby were without humour. The rest were spent telling tall tales of old, wishing that the 1991 crop had half as much fun; or if they do, they should show it. And if they did, they would play better.

Contemporaries barely change in the eyes of each other. Maybe an additional wrinkle here, an ostensible grey hair there. Among the Welsh, their weight had never altered either. It had simply been redestributed. In this department, the All Blacks — Wyllie, Kirkpatrick, Nathan and Thorn — had not fared quite so well. They looked much as they always did, except they were bigger still.

What once had been abundant on the shoulders had finally conceded defeat in the unequal struggle with gravity.

The director wished, with complete disregard for anyone's well-being, to reconstruct *the* Barbarians try. Phil Bennett was to start the whole fantastic enterprise on his own line, the move was to stretch some several hundred yards, wide acres even.

Whatever dreams of youth we had cherished hitherto were destroyed by the half a dozen takes to get this into the can. J J Williams, according to his wife, went home to bed and did not move for 12 hours.

Having accused the Welsh of Oscar-winning performances in feigning injury on the field in the past, the All Blacks could not complain about losing the acting stakes this time, too. Gareth Edwards wouldn't have it any other way. We had to win.

Fox off target in final fling

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE flesh of the second rugby union World Cup — the players — began to take shape yesterday, as Zimbabwe became the first overseas time to arrive. They flew into Gatwick and took up temporary residence at Bracknell.

They will be followed today by a host of others, among them the Australians, joint favourites for the Webb Ellis Trophy along with New Zealand, who descend tomorrow. The All Blacks, game to the last you might say, signed out of Auckland yesterday by fielding against New Zealand Barbarians a XV which surely bears a close resemblance to that likely to open against England at Twickenham next Thursday.

It won, too, 59-30 and names which will become household currency over the next month featured high in the 12-try extravaganza: two each for Craig Innes, John Kirwan, John Timu and the prop, Richard Loe.

Those members of the All Blacks World Cup party who were not in the "first XV" played for the Barbarians while Paul Henderson, the late entry this week after Mike Brewer's withdrawal, replaced Michael Jones at half-time. The only shadow on an exhilarating performance came from the Grant Fox's failure with eight of his 13 attempts at goal.

A breakfast-time arrival in Britain gives the Zimbabweans, who play in pool two and open against Ireland at Lansdowne Road on October 6, their most extended chance to train together as a team. At home lack of money and the geography of the country ensures that the squad meets only when they come together for an international, though they have managed to cram in a substantial number of those together in recent months.

They have played five times against Namibia (the latest in Windhoek on September 7) and lost each time, though only by three points and seven points in the two home encounters. Given that Namibia also beat Ireland twice during the summer, it is an important reference point. They have also had two big wins over the touring Eastern United States team.

The Zimbabwe pack is on the light side but the authorities in Harare have been encouraged by the advance of the game among black school children. "Though we have only about 1,000 senior players to choose from, there are about 10,000 children who play in Zimbabwe," Sam Woldemar, the team manager, said.

"Our problem is lack of resources. We would benefit very much from any technical assistance which was available as a result of the funds raised by this World Cup."

Cecillon plays

Marc Cecillon, the France forward, who has been suffering from a thigh strain, has been cleared to play in the World Cup.

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Stephenson may move to Sussex

FRANKLYN Stephenson, aged 32, the West Indian all-rounder who was released last week by Nottinghamshire, may join Sussex as their overseas player next season. Stephenson, who is to spend the winter playing for Orange Free State in South Africa, could succeed the Australian, Tony Dodemaide, who has not been retained.

Stephenson, who was the last player to do the double, in 1988, was the leading wicket-taker in each of his four seasons at Trent Bridge.

Stephenson: in demand

☐ Lancashire are believed to be interested in the South African fast bowler, Stephen Jack, for next season as replacement for Wasim Akram, who will be touring England with Pakistan.

☐ Australia yesterday joined the co-hosts, New Zealand, in welcoming South Africa's late bid to enter next February's World Cup but said the decision must be made by the International Cricket Council.

☐ Ken Turner, the former Northamptonshire secretary, who was one of county cricket's most innovative adminstrators, has died suddenly in Northampton. He raised funds through lotteries, discos and rock concerts to keep Northamptonshire in business, and was also a shrewd judge of a player.

☐ Durham have chosen the Gloucestershire batsman, Paul Romaines, as their commercial manager.

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Champions in rain, page 37

Board rethinks ring interview

By Srikumar Sen
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION interviews in the ring after a boxing match could be banned. The British Boxing Board of Control was unhappy about Chris Eubank's call for a drug test on Michael Watson immediately after their bout last Saturday.

John Morris, the secretary of the board, said the board would be considering the advisability of post-bout interviews. "We are going to review the situation about allowing televsion interviews immediately after fights when boxers are at their most vulnerable," Morris said.

"It would be a great deal easier if they were banned. We don't like them because we don't think they are in the boxers' interests, particularly the winning boxer."

Because of the interview with Eubank immediately after the bout, viewers could not get a clear picture of what was happening in Watson's corner at the time of his collapse.

Eubank, clearly upset by the events of the night, has been talking of retiring. But Morris's advice to him was to box on. "My message to Chris is that what happened in that ring on Saturday is just one of those things. Nothing he did was in any way detrimental. He simply did his job as a professional boxer. I have spoken to him and he is obviously very concerned but I hope it does not put him off boxing."

Eubank told a friend that he felt like a loser, not a champion.

☐ Mike Tyson, preparing to challenge Evander Holyfield for his world heavyweight title on November 8 and facing a rape charge against a beauty queen, is now also confronted by a damages suit brought by an actress who claims indecent assault. Robin Young is demanding $2 million for what she calls a humiliating incident.

☐ The World Boxing Council (WBC) decided at its convention in Bangkok to continue its 16-year-old boycott of South Africa. It will donate at least £30,000 to build a boxing gymnasium in Soweto.

A WBC committee which visited South Africa in July recommended that the WBC ease the boycott. But José Sulaiman, the WBC president, told the convention it would be "ridiculous and irresponsible if we very easily fold our tents and allow the apartheid regime back in the WBC". He said the exclusion of South Africa should be continued "until we see that in the streets of that country, the elimination of racial discrimination has been completed".

Ngquento Khaya, of the South African National Boxing Co-ordinating Committee, set up as an alternative to the government boxing body, called the decision a step in the right direction, but John Allotei Cofie, of Ghana, said: "Those who are affected by the ban . . . are the blacks."

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Sweet McMillan, page 36

Morales stays in coma

Indio, California (AP) — Fernie Morales, the boxer who lost a bantamweight bout to Orlando Canizales, the International Boxing Federation champion, over the weekend, remained in critical condition after surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain.

"He is stable and has not improved," the neurologist, Dr Ali Tahmouresie, said. "He's still unconscious. There's movement on the right side of his body, but he remains in a comatose state."

Morales underwent surgery late on Saturday. The boxer showed no apparent sign of serious injury immediately after his loss to Canizales earlier in the day.

Morales, aged 25, apparently fainted about 90 minutes after losing the 12-round decision. He had been knocked down in the second and twelfth rounds.

A left-right combination floored Morales in the second, and another left by Canizales capped a barrage of blows in the twelfth that sent Morales to the canvas.

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